

## Social Communication

A child's communication skills can best be developed through interactions with others.

Try to:

### **1. Encourage your child to play with you.**

Pay attention to the toys/activities that your child enjoys. Watch what is happening. Play with your child and talk about what you are doing and seeing, using simple language.

### **2. Help your child to take turns in play.**

It is the beginning of social interaction between your child and another person.

Sing songs. When your child knows the songs, wait and encourage him to fill in what comes next.

Play ball. Take turns rolling the ball back and forth.

### **3. Encourage your child to look at you.**

During play and daily activities, hold an object up to your face as you say the name.

Remember that even before children use words to talk, they communicate for different reasons including:

- “asking” for more
- “asking” for an object
- “saying” hello/good-bye
- “labelling”