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TIPS FOR FAMILIES
FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S LEAD

What does your child like?

Does your son like to draw pictures or play with small cars? Does your daughter like to ride a tricycle or play with dolls?

You can help your child find different ways to play with—and learn about—the things she enjoys.

Notice what your child enjoys. How can you build on those interests to help him learn?
"Look at the castle you made with the blocks! Would you like to get a book about castles at from the library?"

Give simple choices.
"Do you want to paint or make a fort out of blankets and pillows?"

Encourage your child to explain his ideas.
"Would you tell me about the picture you drew?"

Your child will be more interested in finishing the activities he chooses.

For more information, contact us at: **NCQTL@UW.EDU** or **877-731-0764.**

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