

Birth to Five

PRESENTATION

This PowerPoint presentation ***Language Modeling and Conversations: Novel Words, Birth to Five*** introduces strategies to promote children’s language skills by intentionally introducing them to new and meaningful vocabulary words. The presentation includes visual and video examples that illustrate how novel words extend and improve the quality of communications and conversations with infants, toddlers, and preschool children.

Note: This suite is intended for a birth to five, center-based audience.

PRESENTER NOTES

This guide for presenters provides the training content for the in-service suite. It includes further details, tips, and helpful information on using the slides and other materials. It also provides guidance on how and when to use supplemental materials.

An optional slide, *Say HELLO*, is included to suggest how this in-service suite is situated within the rest of the *Language Modeling and Conversations* in-service suites.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

These six learning activities can be used to extend the training (one activity is optional):

- *Filling In Children’s Phrases* (Optional, with slides)
- *Conversations from Books for Infants and Toddlers*
- *Conversations from Books for Preschoolers*
- *Brainstorming Novel Words Around the Indoor and Outdoor Environments—Infants and Toddlers*
- *Brainstorming Novel Words Around the Classroom—Preschoolers*
- *Developing an Action Plan*

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

These tip sheets include simple, straightforward suggestions that teachers can easily use in the classroom.

TOOLS FOR TEACHERS

This tool supports teaching and learning by providing teachers with a visual reminder.

TOOLS FOR SUPERVISORS

This tool is designed to help supervisors observe teacher–child conversations, and can be used to provide teachers with feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

These two handouts list additional resources for anyone who wants to learn more about the topic, and include brief descriptions of easy-to-locate articles, books, and websites.