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TIPS FOR FAMILIES
ENGAGING CHILDREN IN CONVERSATIONS

Your child loves to spend time with you! Talking with your child in English or your home language is one very important way to show how much you care.

Talking with you helps your child:

- Build relationships.
- Learn new words.
- Practice conversation skills.
- Communicate clearly and accurately.

Ideas for talking with your child:

- Move to your child's level.
- Listen. What is your child saying?
- Match your child's tone—quiet, excited, serious.
- Take turns talking.
- Talk about what your child is doing or is interested in.
- Ask questions that encourage longer answers.
- Repeat what your child says, then add a little more information.
- Give your child time to answer.

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

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