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FREE RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR CHILD BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

2-1-1
Get connected to services you need. Dial 2-1-1 or 563.355.9900 for help with:
• Food
• Rent or utility assistance
• Clothing

CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL
Iowa Quad Cities 877.216.8481 • iowaccrr.org
Illinois Quad Cities 309.205.3070 • childcareillinois.org
• Help families find quality, convenient child care
• Connect families with child care assistance

MISSISSIPPI BEND AREA EDUCATION AGENCY
Iowa Quad Cities 563.344.6271 • mbaea.org
• Child developmental screenings
• Vision screenings
• Hearing tests
• Speech & language services

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Illinois Quad Cities 309.736.1111 • roc.com
• Child developmental screenings
• Parent & child activities - literacy activities, play groups, family meetings
• Learning library - toys, books, puzzles, games
• Pre-kindergarten support services
DOES YOUR CHILD EXPLORE THE WORLD AND ASK QUESTIONS?

IF NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO HELP:

- Ask questions yourself. “What color and shape is that sign?” “Why do cars have wheels?”
- Halway through a book, ask your child what he or she thinks is going to happen next.
- When your child asks a question you don’t know the answer to, look up the answer together.

CAN YOUR CHILD TALK ABOUT THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS?

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- When your child is upset, sit in a chair snuggling with him or her. Ask how he or she feels and listen to the answer.
- When watching TV together, ask questions like: “Why do you think the little girl is crying?”
- At bedtime, have your child list three things that happened that day that made him or her happy.

DOES YOUR CHILD LIKE TO LISTEN TO STORIES?

IF NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO HELP:

- Go to the library and get your child a library card. Check out three books.
- Read to your child every day, starting from birth.

CAN YOUR CHILD GET DRESSED, PUT ON A COAT, AND USE THE BATHROOM, WITHOUT HELP?

IF NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO HELP:

- Play dress-up together.
- Pull a zipper off an old pair of pants and have your child practice with it.
- Let your child get dressed and undressed by him or herself – as much as he or she can do without help.
DOES YOUR CHILD DO WELL IN NEW SITUATIONS?
IF NOT, THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PLACES IN THE QUAD CITIES YOU CAN GO FOR FREE:
• Davenport Spray Park and Rock Island’s Schweiber Park
• The gardens and duck pond at Vander Veer Botanical Park
• Farmers’ markets
• Window-shopping at the mall
• Visit your local pet shop
• Try a different Quad Cities playground each week

CAN YOUR CHILD HOLD A PENCIL AND USE SCISSORS?
IF NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO HELP:
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• If they have trouble cutting paper at first, give them clay or play dough to cut.
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• Play “Tic-Tac-Toe.”

CAN YOUR CHILD PLAY IN GROUPS?
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CAN YOUR CHILD SOLVE PROBLEMS?
IF NOT, HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO HELP:
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