



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: EDCV4

LESSON 16

UNIT STANDARD: US 24426

INTERACT WITH BABIES, TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

SO2: PLAN AND PREPARE INTERACTION WITH BABIES, TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN.

TOPIC: DEVELOPMENT OF TODDLERS THROUGH INTERACTION [12 – 30 MONTHS]



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AT THE END OF THE LESSON STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Define a toddler
- Why first 3 years is important to Toddler's development
- Characteristics of a toddler
- Stages of toddler's development
- Toddler's development through interaction



- Development of Toddlers in an ECD Centre

WHAT IS A TODDLER?

The word toddler is derived from 'to toddle' which means to walk unsteadily. A toddler is a child approximately 12 to 36 months old though definition vary, however toddlers considered to be aged from 1- 3 years, there is no official definition of the upper limit of toddlerhood due to the fact that toddlers are not the same and therefore they do not move at the same pace ,some are too slow to the next stage of development that determine the completion of toddlerhood. Toddler's years are an essential period of development as it's time for cognitive, emotional and social development

WHY FIRST 3 YEARS IMPORTANT TO TODDLER'S DEVELOPMENT

- The spiral development of brain happens during this stage.
- There is rapid language learning.
- Development of senses (sees, touches, tastes, smiles or hears are happening in this stage which shapes the brain development.
- There is development of feeling, thinking, moving and learning in this stage. Helps to shape the brain.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF TODDLERS

- Toddlers are able to move around in or outside the house.
- Toddlers are aware of themselves and their surroundings.
- Toddlers have got a desire to explore new objects and people.
- They reach the milestones in how they play, learn, speak behave and move.

THEY CHANGE DRAMATICALLY IN THE FOLLOWING MAIN AREAS:

1. Physically
2. Cognitively
3. Language
4. Socially
5. Emotionally
6. Sensory
7. Motor skills



- During this time toddlers develop increase strength and coordination which needs more attention to parents.

STAGES OF TODDLER'S DEVELOPMENT

- **Cognitive development:** Toddlers are able to learn and solve problems.
- **Social development:** The child is able to share his / her toys with other children
- **Emotional development:** Toddlers are able to recognize other children who are crying and comfort them by giving them their toys to calm down.
- **Speech and language Development:** Toddlers are able to communicate with other children and able to understand the meaning of words.
- **Fine motor skills development:** Toddlers are able to hold crayons and draw patterns and or mix different paints to bring new colours of paint.
- **Gross motor skills development:** Toddlers are able to understand outdoor games and play with old tires.

TODDLER'S DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTERACTION

- Encourage conversation with a toddler.
- Use appropriate vocabulary when talking to a toddler.
- Use their mother tongue to start conversation.
- Consider voice or audio toys to assist in the development of a toddler.
- Talk to the toddler more often.
- Try to be tolerant when a toddler speaks
- Repeat what a toddler has said to show interest on the idea.
- Read the story books aloud and ask them questions



DEVELOPMENT OF TODDLERS IN AN ECD CENTRE

- Care – Givers encourage toddlers to find things that are hidden in the classroom.
- Care – Givers create activities on sorting shapes and colors.
- Allow toddlers to complete sentences and rhyme in familiar books.
- Allow toddlers to play simple make – believe games.
- Create two – part instructions e.g. drink your milk, give me the cup.
- Create activities that allow toddlers to discover their world e.g. planting seeds.
- Allow toddlers to talk freely.
- Create the four educational areas where different skills will be discovered.
- Care- Givers should be resourceful by bringing old magazines or books.



Activity



Answer the following questions

1.1 Explain in your own words what a toddler is? (5)

1.2 Mention FIVE senses that plays an important role in toddlers' development? (5)

1.3 Briefly discuss the stages of development of a toddler? (10)



1.4 Explain the characteristics of boy toddlers? Mention FIVE characteristics (5)

1.5 According to your opinion do you think toddlers are develop properly when they are at an ECD Centers? Write FOUR reasons to support your answer (5)

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