

LIVING WITH CRAWLERS LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

TYPICAL FOR THIS AGE

CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

LEARNING & GROWING STRATEGIES

Becoming Mobile

I see! I come! I conquer!
I follow my curiosity wherever it leads.
I move therefore I think.

What's my surprise for today?
How can I keep my baby safe?
How do I know when my baby is "ready" for something new?

Look for changing skill levels.
Watch and wait before "helping".
Give child time to "ask" for help.
Lots of "floor time".
Babyproofing is ongoing.

Active Fingers and Hands

Now that I can sit, I have full use of these hands!
I can pound, poke, pull, and squish.
I must feed myself. I must mouth anything I can hold.

How do I stop hands reaching for danger and annoyances?
I can't stand the mess!
I just hate mealtimes!
What about the germs?

Actively eliminate "first baby syndrome" as best you can.
This is hands-on science and art.
"Just say no" to the illusion of control.

Hide-N-Seek World

I'm starting to know the world.
I can find things that are out of sight.
I have a mental picture of objects and people - I have thoughts.
I can predict what will happen.

I can't believe what my baby knows!
Now, I have to do it HIS way.
I'm stuck in this routine.

Traditional games like peek-a-boo are brain builders.
Fingerplays and rhymes too.
Explore needs vs. wants.

Baby Anxiety

I know special people are still there even when I don't see them.
I say loud and clear what I want.
I don't like people I think are strange!
I'm being stretched out of my comfort zone.

I am living with a "cling-on".
I gotta leave - I gotta stay!
Everyone's telling me what I should do - and I didn't ask.

Cognitive learning takes time.
Be there when you can.
Experiment with transitions.
Allow others to give comfort to the baby.
Use language to comfort.

Sleep Issues

My mom was here when I fell asleep?
My teeth are waking me up!

Everybody tells me something different.
I feel awful letting my baby cry.

Heart/mind/action connection.
Be kind to self.