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We Need to Talk

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Learning begins at birth, and children cannot use words they don't hear. This session will focus on talking tips for infants and toddlers throughout the day. We will share tips and tricks for foundational language and literacy skills and how to embed them into daily routines.

Resources

- [Reading for Our Lives: A Literacy Action Plan from Birth to Six](#), by Maya Payne Smart
- [Literacy Learning for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers: Key Practices for Educators](#), by Tanya S. Wright, Sonia Q. Cabell, Nell K. Duke and Mariana Souto-Manning
- [The 14 Talking Tips](#), from LENA (Language ENvironment Analysis)



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