



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

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1. Keep baby on track

The baby brain grows more in its first couple of years than at any other time. That's also when language is forming. Talking, conversation, singing, and other types of interaction are critical to a baby's development. So talk to your baby. Give him lots of new words for the things around him. Sing songs and play games. It's all part of keeping your baby on track, ready for school, and set for life. This message brought to you by this station and bestbeginningsalaska.org. (:30)

2. Patience

Has anybody ever asked you a question and then jumped in before you even had a chance to answer? Well, a lot of adults do that with toddlers. Instead of waiting for the child to respond, we get antsy and answer for them. Next time you talk to a toddler, be patient. Young children need two-way conversation. It's all part of keeping your baby on track, ready for school, and set for life. This message brought to you by this station and bestbeginningsalaska.org. (:28)

3. Everywhere you look (rural)

Everywhere you look these long summer days, there are opportunities to help your baby's brain develop. Explain to her each step of catching fish or the proper way to dry salmon strips, or how to tell when berries are ready to pick. The more you talk to and with young children about a whole range of different topics, the better prepared they'll be. It's all part of keeping your baby on track, ready for school, and set for life. This message brought to you by this station and bestbeginningsalaska.org. (:30)