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You are not trying to engage an infant or toddler on video for 45-60 minutes during your virtual visit.

Instead, focus your energy on the parent.

BEFORE the Visit



- ✓ **Prepare with the parent** by scheduling a pre-visit tech check and discussing (or showing!) what to expect
- ✓ **Prepare yourself** (but put your bubbles away)
- ✓ **Plan for what to do/see** during the visit...then go with the flow

DURING the Visit

- ✓ **Check-in first**
- ✓ **Use your voice** to join in (rather than your body)
- ✓ **Keep your focus on the parent** who facilitates learning for the child




DURING the Visit

- ✓ **Observe** by using the “**show me**” prompt & asking the parent to take *you* along
- ✓ **Be descriptive and specific** in your guidance and feedback
- ✓ **Breath and stay calm** through the tech hiccups
- ✓ Be flexible



BETWEEN Visits



- ✓ Invite the parent's feedback on the visit
- ✓ Email or text the joint plan to the parent
- ✓ Invite the parent to send you videos to review before the next visit

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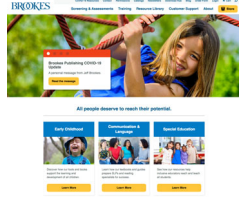


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