

TIPS FOR

TALKING WITH TODDLERS

Respect the toddler's wariness of strangers and her need to be in control.

Talk to the toddler on his level.
Squat down or sit beside him.

Give the toddler time to repeat a new word.

Respond to the toddler's efforts to keep the conversation going.

As you interact with the toddler, respond empathetically to his emotional tenor.

Repeat the toddler's communication in words.

Use words to help the toddler name and manage her strong emotions.

Accompany language with gestures that the toddler can copy.

Provide the toddler with many opportunities to practice using the words he knows.

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