3 THINGS PARENTS & CAREGIVERS CAN DO TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL CONNECTIONS

Parents and caregivers play an important role in shaping the experience of social connection. Recognizing that strong, secure attachments are protective and a good foundation for other healthy relationships is an investment in your relationship with your kids and their relationships with others!



Connect Kids with Other Adults

Help your kids develop strong, safe, and stable relationships with supportive adults like grandparents, teachers, coaches, and counselors.

Model Healthy Social Connection

Spend time together as a family, stay in regular contact with extended family, friends, and neighbors, set time aside for socializing and participating in community activities, and model constructive conflict resolution.

Encourage Connection with Peers

Support individual friendships as well as participation in structured activities.

Social Connections

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