My Five to Thrive



G-old Community Partnership







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Talk - Play - Relax - Cuddle - Respond

One, two, three, four, five,

Each day I need my five to thrive,

This will make you see,

I get to grow up healthily,

Talk to me, play a while,

Relax with me while you unwind,

Cuddle me and hold me near,

When you respond I have no fear,

One, two, three, four, five,

Each day I need my five to thrive,

This is the only way,

To meet my needs from day to day.



Talk

Ask me questions – give me time to respond

Appropriate tone of voice

I talk through body language, facial expressions and different cries

Reading books with me



Listening to me

Body movement/signs Eye contact Rhymes/singing

Play

Give me time to play and respond

Eye contact

Sing and rhyme time



Repeat, repeat to me

Follow my lead

You are my number 1 toy; I don't need lots of toys

I use facial expressions to respond

Relax

Gentle touch

Soft music

I stay calm when we take time to relax together

My reflexology



Helps me and you unwind together

Calm body language

Closeness with a cuddle

Singing and reassuring I'm safe

Bath time and massage

One to one

Soft tone

Cuddle

Hold me close

Close contact during feeding

Respect my space

Rock me



Kiss me

Massage me

Gentle touch when I want it

Hold my hands

Respond

Listening to me

Positive tone and facial expression

Talking, laughing, smiling at me



Eye contact

Loving touch

Know my cry and help me

Relaxed body language

Give me time to respond to you

I Hope My Child Looks Back

I hope my children look back on today
And sees a mother who had time to play.
There will be years for cleaning and cooking,
But children grow up when you're not looking.
Tomorrow I'll do all the chores you can mention
But today, my children need time and attention.
So settle down cobwebs; dust go to sleep,
I'm massaging my baby, and babies don't keep.



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