



**SYNERGISTIC  
SYSTEMS**

A DIVISION OF PITSCO, INC.

# PARENT BRIEFING

## Module

### Early Childhood

- Explore different intellectual development stages in early childhood.
- Explore physical stages of early childhood development.
- Explore the social and emotional development of a child.
- Examine nutrition labels.
- Identify several childhood diseases and the symptoms of these diseases.

## Session Focus

**1** Intellectual Development

**2** Physical Development

**3** Social and Emotional Development

**4** Age-Appropriate Toys

**5** Nutritional Guidelines and Meal Plan

**6** Childhood Illnesses

**7** Infant Interactions and Day Care Specifications

### Dear Parent,

As parents and teachers, we realize it can be hard to get a child to discuss what he or she is learning in school. We hope the information provided on this page will assist you in communicating with your child about what he or she is learning.

For the next few days, your child will be learning about the different development stages of children and the nutritional guidelines for feeding young children while completing the Early Childhood Module. As your child's best teacher, your participation in the learning process is extremely important.

### Words students will learn in this Module include:

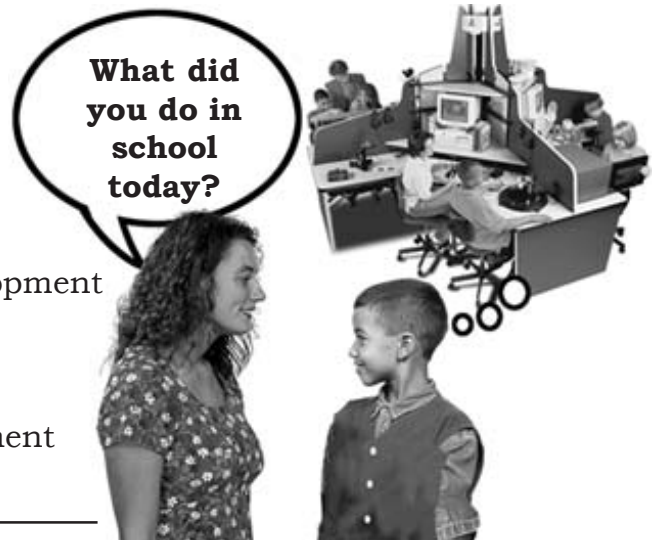
- toddler
- infant
- preschooler
- newborn
- development
- cooperative play
- intellectual development
- parallel play
- prompting
- discipline
- physical development

### Questions for discussion

During the course of this Module, your child will be assessed on key concepts and activities. You might want to discuss these concepts with your child.

He or she will be asked to:

- Identify possible dangers of allowing an infant to play with a toddler's toys. (*Small toys or toys with small parts, such as eyes or buttons, should be avoided because those small parts can be pulled off and the infant might choke on them. Toys that have sharp edges or points should be avoided because they could scratch the infant. All wooden toys should be sanded smoothly.*)
- Explain the importance of supporting an infant's neck and head. (*It is very important to constantly support the infant's head and neck. A newborn does not have the ability to hold his or her neck and head without your help.*)



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