



## Play to Learn—Print and Online Resources

### Books:

- ***Play=Learning: How Play Motivates and Enhances Children's Cognitive and Social-Emotional Growth*** by Dorothy G. Singer, Roberta Michnick Golinkoff and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek
- ***Awakening Children's Minds: How Parents and Teachers Can Make a Difference*** by Laura E. Berk
- ***Einstein Never Used Flash Cards: How Our Children Really Learn—and Why They Need to Play More and Memorize Less*** by Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and Diane Eyer
- ***The Power of Play: How Spontaneous, Imaginative Activities Lead to Happier, Healthier Children*** by David Elkind
- ***Your Child's Growing Mind: Brain Development and Learning from Birth to Adolescence*** by Jane Healy, Ph.D
- ***A Child's Work: The Importance of Fantasy Play*** by Vivian Gussin Paley
- ***Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*** by Richard Louv
- **The *Your Child at Play* series** by Marilyn Segal

### Websites:

- **DCM Blog: *How Learning Comes in to Play!***

<http://childrensmuseumblog.blogspot.com>

A website for parents, educators, and museum professionals featuring posts related to child development, early education, museum information and at-home activity ideas.

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

<http://www.naeyc.org>

NAEYC is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children, dedicated to improving the well-being of all young children, with particular focus on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth through age 8.

- ***Early Years are Learning Years***

<http://www.naeyc.org/ece/eyly>

Parent information sheets related to child development, parenting topics, early education and play.

- **The National Institute for Play**

<http://www.nifplay.org/>

Founded by Dr. Stuart Brown, the National Institute for Play is a 501c(3) non-profit public benefit corporation committed to bringing the unrealized knowledge, practices and benefits of play into public life.

- **Zero to Three Organization**

<http://www.zerotothree.org>

ZERO TO THREE is a national nonprofit that informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

- **Positive Parenting DuPage (PPD)**

<http://www.zerotothree.org>

PPD enhances the ability of parents and caregivers to stimulate, protect and nurture young children through a network of collaborating organizations in DuPage County. Parent resources and information on child development and play are available.



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