

GUIDED DISCUSSION – AGE 2 CURRICULUM

The most effective way to share the information in the **Spotlight on Development** and **Tips Sections** of the Age 2 Curriculum is by using the **Guided Discussion** process.

- **Guided Discussion** in HIPPY is the interactive process of the **home visitor** and **parent** sharing information and experiences.

The goal of Guided Discussion is:

- To stimulate conversation and dialogue
- To develop a peer to peer relationship between the home visitor and the parent
- To gain an understanding of the parent's skill level
- To share experiences and stories about a toddlers' development
- To show respect for the parent's knowledge about their child - their behavior, likes and dislikes, etc.
- To gain an understanding of a parent's knowledge of their child's development
- To introduce unfamiliar information to the parent in a relaxed, non-lectured manner
- To encourage the parent to ask questions
- To assist the parent in understanding concepts (ideas) and educational terms and information
- To assist the parent in supporting their child's growth and development
- To assist the parent in appreciating their child's growth and development

Techniques for coordinators and home visitors using Guided Discussion:

- Read and become familiar with the material each week - make notes
- Do additional research if something is unclear
- Ask questions of each other to be sure everyone understands the concepts
- Practice engaging parents by asking each other what, when, why, and how questions
- Share child development experiences with each other that may be appropriate to share with parents
- Brainstorm ideas with each other about how to connect with parents of various skill levels
- Brainstorm with each other how to connect new information and ideas to existing knowledge about child development