Active Learning Study Group

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Phase 2: Technique of Imitation

Reference from Are You Blind?

• Pages 73-76
• Technique of Interaction

Note!

• Any child might need any of the first 3 phases of educational techniques at any point in time based on:
  o Familiarity with partner
  o Familiarity with learning environment and materials
  o Familiarity with activity
  o Social/emotional development
• Phase 4-5 require a developmental level of 2+ years

Characteristics of Child

• Somewhat interested in things outside body
• May still be withdrawn especially with unfamiliar/untrustworthy people
• Still exhibit self-stimulatory behaviors though easier to interest in other activities
• May not initiate interactions with others or have limited ways to contact
• Parallel play
• Few actions they can perform on objects and limited participation in interactions – may seem unsure of self

Phase 2: Imitation – Goals

• To increase the child’s interest in activities happening nearby
• To increase the child’s ability to take initiatives
• To increase the child’s belief in himself
• To introduce activities and movements not as yet performed by the child

Phase 2: Imitation – Adult’s Role

• Set up environments and activities that are highly motivating
• Expand the number of objects that have qualities that interest or motivate child (duplicates are needed)
• Imitate the child’s actions on the objects with duplicate or same object if child allows turn-taking manner
• Introduce new actions
Please share your experience

- What actions did you notice your child taking on objects? What happened when you imitated his/her actions?
- Did the child show an interest or try to imitate what you did with the object?
- Did the child try to contact you and if so how?
- What, if anything, did you find difficult about the imitation techniques?

Assignment for January

- Read pages 77-84 of Are You Blind? Or read the article, *Five Phases of Educational Treatment Used in Active Learning Based on Excerpts from Are You Blind*?
- Attempt the technique of interaction with one of your students who seems ready to try Phase 3
  - Be prepared to discuss at the January study group.
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