

## **VIRTUAL Kit: BOOKS AND BABIES**

### **Kit OT:**

“Babies don’t know how to read!” “All they do is eat the books!” “She doesn’t listen to the whole book, how could she be learning anything?” These are very common and misleading MYTHS, often leaving parents and caregivers with more questions than answers on how or why to use books with infants.

Research has shown that encouraging solo exploration of books, along with shared book reading with adults, can foster early literacy and early language skills in infants and young toddlers! The contents of this virtual kit will provide you a variety of resources and strategies that encourage and support the use of books, thus, using literacy to build the vocabulary of the infants and young toddlers you care for.

### **SHOW ME NOW – I NEED IT TOMMORROW**

#### **[My Baby Eats Books: Four Tips on Raising a Reader](#)**

#### **[Literacy with Love](#)**

#### **[Learning Literacy Skills, 4 months old](#)**

#### **[Reading Books to Babies](#)**

#### **[13 Things Babies Learn When We Read to Them](#)**

### **WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE? (I HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO READ ABOUT THIS.):**

#### **[How to Introduce Toddlers and Babies to Books](#)**

#### **[Loving Literacy - Zero To Three Magic of Everyday Moments](#)**

#### **[Read Early and Often](#)**

#### **[Book Nook](#)**

#### **[Shared Reading with 2-3 year olds](#)**

## **WHAT DOES THE ECRC HAVE ON THIS TOPIC?**

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## **HOW CAN I FIND TRAINING MATERIALS ON THIS TOPIC?**

KCCTO Inc. Online Training Courses at [www.kccto.org](http://www.kccto.org)

Basics of Child Development

Child Development: Connecting Development to Practice

Infant and Toddler Child Development

Listen to the Rhythm: Books, Music and Movement

## **WHAT IF I STILL NEED HELP?**

You may request technical assistance from the KCCTO-KITS Infant Toddler Network Specialists by calling the KCCTO office at 800-227-3578.

## **EVALUATION**

Please take a minute to complete a brief survey to let us know what you think about this virtual kit, and what other topics you would like to see addressed in the future:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYYGH79>

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