

FUN & EASY SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Try these activities with your 1-year-old—a great way to have fun together and support your child's social-emotional development.

Play on the floor with your baby every day. Crawl around with her, or just get down and play on her level. She will really enjoy having you to herself.

Dance to music with your baby. Hold his hands while he bends up and down. Clap and praise him when he "dances" by himself.

Let your baby know every day how much you love him and how special he is—when he wakes up in the morning and when he goes to sleep at night.

Play gentle tickle games with your baby, but make sure to stop when she lets you know she has had enough. Watch her carefully and you will know.

When you are dressing or diapering your baby, talk about her body parts and show her your body parts. Say, "Here is Daddy's nose. Here is Destiny's nose."

Go on a walk to a park or a place where children play. Let your baby watch them and visit a little if he is ready.

Twirl your baby around. He will enjoy a little rough-and-tumble play, but make sure you stop when he has had enough.

Sit on the floor with your baby and roll a ball back and forth. Clap your hands when your baby pushes the ball or "catches" the ball with his hands.

