



The Family, Infant and Preschool Program (FIPP) uses an exciting and innovative approach to therapy and early childhood learning. This research-based approach emphasizes the powerful learning opportunities that happen as part of children's participation in everyday family and community life.

Natural Learning Environment Practices

How it works

- FIPP staff work together with families to identify and use activities that make up their everyday lives as the primary sources for children to learn and build their skills and abilities.
- Families learn to use their children's interests and abilities as the basis for involving their child in a rich variety of everyday family, community and/or early childhood settings and activities.
- Interest-based activities become the sources for children's learning and development.
- Families learn specific strategies for supporting their children's participation in and learning through everyday activities.
- Children get more chances to practice existing abilities and learn new skills.



What will Natural Learning Environment Practices mean for my family and child?

- ▶ Children learn, gain new skills, and increase their abilities by doing the things they like to do.
- ▶ Families' everyday routines and activities are the sources of learning, so their lives and routines are enhanced, not disrupted.
- ▶ Children become more capable and competent in the ways that they interact with the world.
- ▶ Families build their capacity to support their children's learning; so their expertise in raising children is respected.
- ▶ FIPP staff members work with parents to build the capabilities they want to enhance related to their child's specific needs.