#### **INCREASING COMMUNICATION**



EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION THAT CENTERS CAN SHARE WITH FAMILIES

## Parent Can Help with

Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.

Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.

Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.

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Movie version coming out?

Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.

Set aside a time and place for your child to read -

like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place

6 Visit your public library regularly.

> Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

Encourage your child to write -

> letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life

Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.

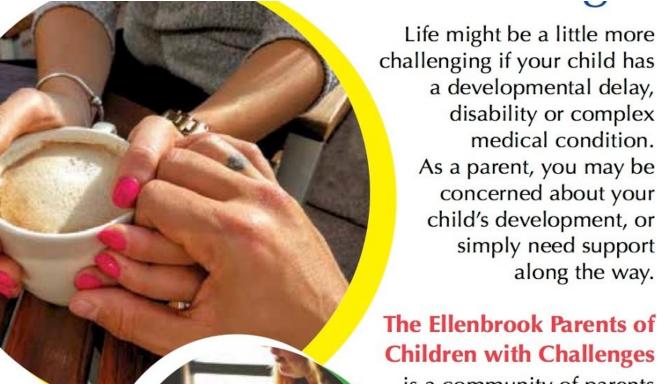
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own

8 Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:

- What is the story about?
- Who are the important characters in the story?
- Where does the story take place?
  Why do you think the character made that choice?
  Why did that happen?
- How did you know about...?
- Would you recommend this



Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same



is a community of parents who meet to share their experiences, and lend support. If you have a child who has different needs, we welcome you and your child to join us.

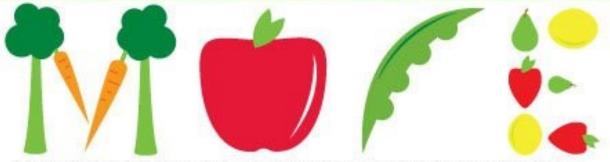
### Join our Facebook Page Parents of Children with Challenges

Find out more by contacting Emma at **0419 914 986** or **emma@jtk.com.au**. Coffee and tea will be provided.



Join us on Friday 19 May, 9.30am – 11.30am at the Ellenbrook Community Library Sunroom, then every second Friday thereafter.

## **FIGHT** CHILDHOOD OBESITY



Parents and kids should eat more fruits, veggies and whole grains.



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Right now in your community there are children who need your help. North Georgia has more than 7,000 youth in its child welfare system and faces a severe shortage of homes.

Will you take the time to transform a life today?

## 5 Easy Ways Everyone Can Get Involved in Foster Care

- Be approved to provide childcare and give our foster parents a much-needed break or date night
- Give new clothing to The Children's Home for a child who comes into care with no possessions
- Offer your expertise to teach a life skill to an older foster youth, helping to prepare them for life as an independent adult
- Donate family memberships to the zoo, aquarium, or museum
- Invite Children's Home staff to lead an informational meeting at your church or organization

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Learn more simple ways to support foster care at www.umchildrenshome.org