# SUPPORTING FAMILY LITERACY WITH RESEARCH-BASED STRATEGIES

2009 EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION CONFERENCE

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## KEY RESEARCH ON FAMILY LITERACY

- Home-School Study of Language and Literacy
  - Dickinson & Tabors

### International Reading Association (IRA) Family Literacy Committee

- Culturally Responsive
- Strengths Perspective
- Partnership
- Give all families "insider information"
- Joint Position Statement IRA and NAEYC
- Literacy Environment
  - Weigel, Martin & Bennett, Saracho
- Literacy and Pediatricians
  - High et al., Kuo et al.



# KEY RESEARCH IN JOINT STORYBOOK READING

- Dialogic Reading Research and Training Center on Early Childhood Development
  - Whitehurst

### Interactive Reading Behaviors

- Debruin-Parecki
- Quality of Interactions
  - Partridge
- Parent Scaffolding, Social/Emotional Climate, Responsiveness
  - Kaderavek & Sulzby
- Potential Pitfalls
  - Kaderavek & Justice



### FAMILY LITERACY AND JOINT BOOK READING IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- At risk populations
- Output Children with developmental delays
- Children from families with low SES
- Children from families where English is not the primary language used



### FAMILY LITERACY AND JOINT BOOK READING WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF/HARD OF HEARING

### DesJardin (2008)

- Literacy skills in children with cochlear implants
- Impact of oral language and mother's use of openended questions

### Swanwick and Watson (2005)

- Literacy practices in the home
- Collaborative facilitation of early literacy development

### • Fung et al. (2005)

- Dialogic reading intervention for 8 weeks resulted in improve vocabulary scores
- Kaderavek & Pakulski (2007)
  - Intervention strategies for emergent literacy



# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF DIALOGIC READING WHITEHURST ET AL.

- Techniques are used to encourage the child to take an <u>active</u> role during story time
- Feedback is encouraged in the form of modeling, corrections, and praise
- Progressive change in adult standards for the child are encouraged so that the parent or teacher is constantly encouraging the child to do just a bit more



### CHARACTERISTICS OF DIALOGIC READING

- Asking "what" questions
- Following the child's answers with questions
- Repeating what the child says
- Helping the child as needed
- Praising and encouraging
- Following the child's interests
- Slowing down and allowing the child time to respond
- Asking open-ended questions
- Expanding what the child says
- Emphasizing fun in order to encourage continued interest in reading



# VIDEO OF JOINT BOOK READING

Available in presentation only



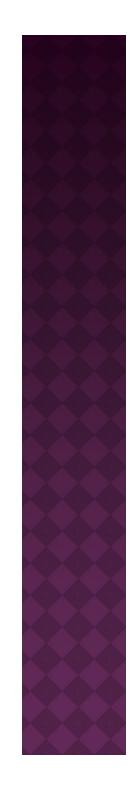
### MODELS OF FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS

- Hanen Program It Takes Two To Talk, Chapter 8, Sharing Books
- Building Language Together (BLT) International Reading Association
- Beginning with Books, Center for Early Literacy
- Babies into Books Baby Book Bag and Baby Book Groups
- Reading Rockets
- Reading is Fundamental
- National Center for Family Literacy
- Reach Out and Read National Center
- Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy
- Eventstart, Family Literacy Partnerships



## METHODS OF ASSESSING JOINT BOOK READING

- Literacy Activity Scale
- Parent Reading Belief Inventory
- Family Literacy Survey
- Caretaker Variables during Joint Book Reading
- Parent-Child Joint Book Reading Observational Protocol



### LITERACY ACTIVITIES SCALE WIEGEL & MARTIN

 18 questions regarding literacy practices "How often do you or another family member read aloud to your child"?

• Rated on 5 point scale

1—Hardly ever----Two or more times per day

Two open-ended questions

"When you share a book with your child, what are some of the things you do"?



#### PARENT READING BELIEF INVENTORY Debaryshe & Binder

• 14 Belief Statements

"I read to my child so he/she will learn the letters and how to read simple sentences"

- 4 Point Rating Scale
  - 1=Strongly agree
  - 4=Strongly disagree



# FAMILY LITERACY SURVEY

- Demographic Information
- Description of Hearing Loss
- Description of Amplification
- Description of Early Intervention Services
- Description of Literacy Interactions



### CARETAKER VARIABLES DURING JOINT BOOK READING POTTER & HAYNES

• 10 Variables

Wh-questions; Positive feedback, Directives

Variables counted during the rating period



### JOINT BOOK READING OBSERVATIONAL PROTOCOL (BASED ON KADERAVEK & SULZBY)

- Success of story book interaction
- Positive/Negative aspects of parent scaffolding—13 behaviors
- Aspects of social/emotional climate
- Aspects of the child's verbal responsiveness

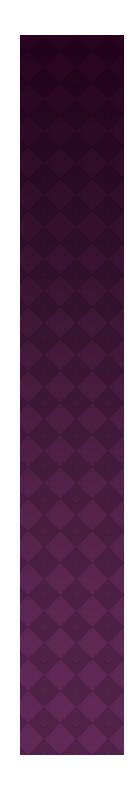
# PROJECT COMPONENTS

### • Family Literacy Workshop

- Early interventionists and parents attend
- Parents complete literacy questionnaire and parent belief survey
- Strategies
- Resources

### Early Intervention Sessions

- Coaching
- Guided practice
- Recording of 2 joint reading sessions



## RESOURCES ON FAMILY LITERACY AND JOINT BOOK READING

### • Beginning Literacy with Language

Dickinson and Tabors

### Scaffolding with Story books

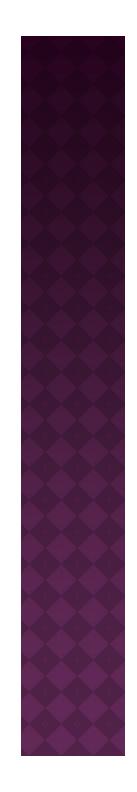
- Justice and Pence
- Literacy and Deafness
  - Robertson

### Storybook-Based Curriculum

Fetherston and England

### Sharing Books and Stories to Promote Language and Literacy

- van Kleeck
- Model Program Websites



# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

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