



## Supporting Young Aboriginal Children's Literacy Learning

Young Aboriginal children learn to make meaning through language experiences, cultural values, practices, and traditions.

### Literacy learning development builds on:

- Ability to hear and play with smaller sounds in words
- Learning meanings of words and ideas
- Alphabet knowledge
- Visual, sound, oral, gestural cues

### Oral language is the foundation of literacy learning. This can include:

- Talking with your child in first and second languages
- Sharing oral stories
- Singing traditional songs and prayers

### Learning an Aboriginal language helps children:

- Develop pride in self
- Build knowledge and skills for later learning
- Communicate with Elders and other family members



### Families together can:

- Combine cultural practices with school-based learning such as reading Aboriginal alphabet books, counting in Aboriginal languages, learning from Elders.
- Using familiar words from Aboriginal languages in everyday talk.



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