



## TOY GUIDE SHEET

### Bear Family Dress-Up Puzzle

#### **REMEMBER TO:**

1. Try to sit with your child between you and your Early Learning Specialist.
2. Place the toy on the floor or surface and invite your child to explore.
3. Follow your child's lead as much as you can.
4. Allow your child to do as much as he or she can do on his/her own. If your child becomes frustrated, help him or her.
5. Listen and respond to your child as he or she plays.

#### **Name and encourage your child to name:**

- **Labels:** box, bear, head, eyes, nose, mouth, ears, arms, legs, feet, shirt, blouse, sweater, skirt, pants, shorts, overalls, pajamas, suit, socks, shoes, sneakers, sandals, boots
- **Colors:** brown, white, black, red, blue, green, yellow, purple, pink
- **Shapes and sizes:** round face, rectangular box, star, heart, circle
- **Numbers:** one nose, two eyes, three bears
- **Textures:** smooth puzzle, hard wooden box
- **Cause and effect:** How can we change the bear's face from sad to happy?
- **Spatial relationships:** The lid goes on top of the puzzle box.

#### **Describe your actions and encourage your child to describe his or her actions:**

- **General:** Let's take out all the puzzle pieces. Look at all the different faces- happy, sad, afraid, angry, tired.
- **Matching:** Let's match the clothes with the shoes.
- **Fitting:** The puzzle pieces fit on top of the puzzle board.
- **Sounds:** If you shake the box, the pieces will rattle.

#### **Remind your child to think about what he or she is doing:**

- **To pay attention to the activity:** Do you think the Papa Bear is happy, sad, angry, afraid, tired?
- **To make a choice:** How do you want to dress the Mama Bear? Papa Bear? Baby Bear?
- **To have self-control:** Carefully move the pieces on the puzzle board until they fit.

- **To remember other experiences:** What do you wear to sleep? What do you wear when it's cold outside?
- **To pretend:** Let's pretend the Baby Bear is going to school. What will he wear?
- **To do things in order:** First fit all the puzzles pieces into the box and then slide the lid on.

**For more fun with your child:**

- Look through old magazines with your child and find photos that illustrate different emotions. Along with your child, cut out the photos and glue each emotion onto a page. Label each emotion. When completed, lace or staple the pages together with a cover and make an "emotion book."
- Act out the emotions from the puzzle. Take turns with each emotion. Help your child find acceptable ways to express anger, frustration, etc.

**Remember throughout the home visit to:**

*ENCOURAGE* the child to talk.

*PRAISE* the child.

*ASK* the child questions.

*HELP* the child when needed.

*LISTEN* to the child's answers.

*RESPOND* to the child's answers.

**Have fun! Show the child how much you enjoy playing together.**