



# In-Kind Counts

## *For Your Baby & This Agency*



## What is In-Kind?

In-kind is a way to give back. Our grants require us to match money with donations or services. Families generate in-kind donations in the classroom and at home every day!



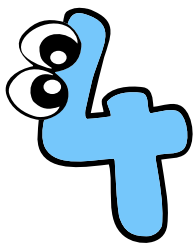
## Our Goal

We are required to match \$0.25 for every dollar received from our grants. We can't do that without you!



## What Counts as In-Kind?

Activities that help your baby's development and help our program count as in-kind. Simply choose activities that are aligned with your child's learning plan or volunteer in the program in any way!



## How to Track In-Kind

Tracking your in-kind is very simple. Go to the Kindly website at [www.kindlyhub.com](http://www.kindlyhub.com).





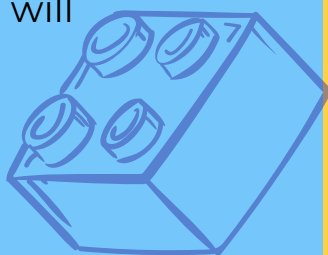
# Physical Development

Goal: Child will demonstrate increasing levels of large motor coordination development.

## #ItCounts When You ...

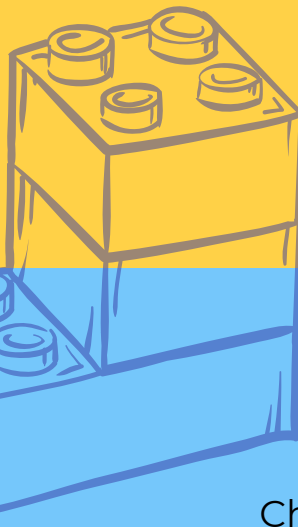
### Play at the Park

No matter their age, lots of fun happens in the park. Take a ball to roll, kick or toss or a blanket for tummy time and your little one will make strides in their growth.



### Play On The Go

Games like Follow the Leader, 1,2,3 Hop, and Dance Off are great, engaging games that teach babies important traveling skills.



### Get Crafty & Creative

Make water soup, mold dough, scribble, paint (with fingers or a brush), make bubbles and so much more! Have fun and develop fine motor skills at the same time.



### Eat Dinner Together

Children learn so much at dinner time. When you help them use a spoon or cup, hold a bottle or create a pots and pans band. Fun and learning await!

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# Social Emotional Development

Goal: Child will demonstrate an understanding of themselves & others through the development of secure relationships & strong sense of self.

## #ItCounts When You ...

### Name Feelings

Use traditional words: happy, mad, sad but be creative: energetic, calm, gloomy, displeased or cheerful to describe feelings.

### Pretend Play

Get them thinking by helping them make up stories about their toys at bath time or wondering where the cars are going on the way to school or have a tea party.



### Say Greetings & Actions

Create routines. Invent a hello & goodbye song for drop off & pick up. Or freeze/stop when combing their hair and go when time for the next activity.

### Ask About Their Day

Encourage social interaction by having your child tell you what happened today on the way home from school or a relative's house. It's OK if it doesn't make sense!

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# Language Development

Goal: Child will comprehend & use language to communicate & will demonstrate an appreciation for books.

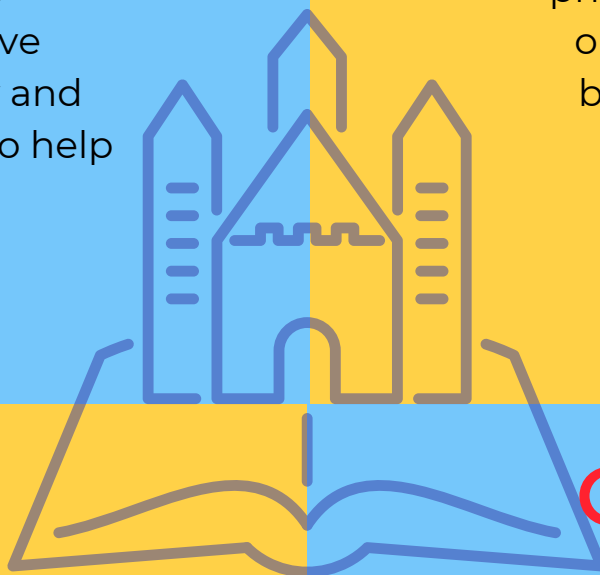
## #ItCounts When You ...

### Read Together

Using books with pictures help children associate words with objects. Have fun. Use your creativity and encourage your child to help tell the story.

### Play Telephone

Pretending to talk on the phone will give your child an opportunity to imitate your behavior and practice their conversation skills.



### Go For a Walk

Describe what you see and hear while walking with your child: "do you hear the car? Vroom!" Introduce expressive language to your child.

### Cook a Meal

Engage your child while cooking. While getting out ingredients, tell them what you are grabbing and what it looks like. This will help expand their vocabulary.

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# Cognitive Development

Goal: All children will demonstrate developmentally appropriate functions of reasoning, problem solving, & classification skills.

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### Identify Sounds

Help your child identify everyday sounds: birds singing, car horn, water, dishwasher. This will help them understand how sounds relate to everyday activities

### Offer Choices

Offer your child choices: what shirt to wear in the morning or between two snacks after school. This will help them learn to make confident decisions.

### Count Together

Stimulate a child's brain: count the number of towels while folding laundry or the tomatoes you put in the cart at the grocery store.

### Encourage Curiosity

Hide things in the car on the way home for them to find, play a game of hide & seek before dinner, try new places to go as a family.

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