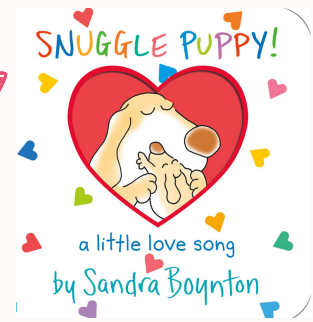


Snuggle Puppy

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I love including parents/caregivers into my sessions with toddlers. One great way to include them is through song or reading a book! "Snuggle Puppy" by Sandra Boynton is such a great children's book because it has rhyme, repetition, song, and humor.

How to Use It:

Read Snuggle Puppy! and sing the song a few times. Get the child used to its melody and rhythm.

Encourage him to say "ooo" or giving a kiss using a language elicitation strategy.

For "ooo" bring attention to your lips and causally point to your lips and then his lips while singing "ooo" (this is a visual cue). Touch the corners of his mouth so they round or protrude a bit (this is a tactile cue).

For giving a kiss bring attention to your lips and causally point to your lips and then his lips while puckering (this is a visual cue- same as the one above)

Pick another word to target. I like to cue the child to say "mine" and "fine" by intentionally leaving out these words, pausing for a few beats and waiting expectantly for him to say it.

Move onto to having him sing the refrain. If language is emerging, don't focus too much on articulation! Most toddlers are not 100% intelligible at this age. Focus on creating a joyful communication exchange and building confidence

Lastly, wrap it up with a KISS and tell them how much you love them.

