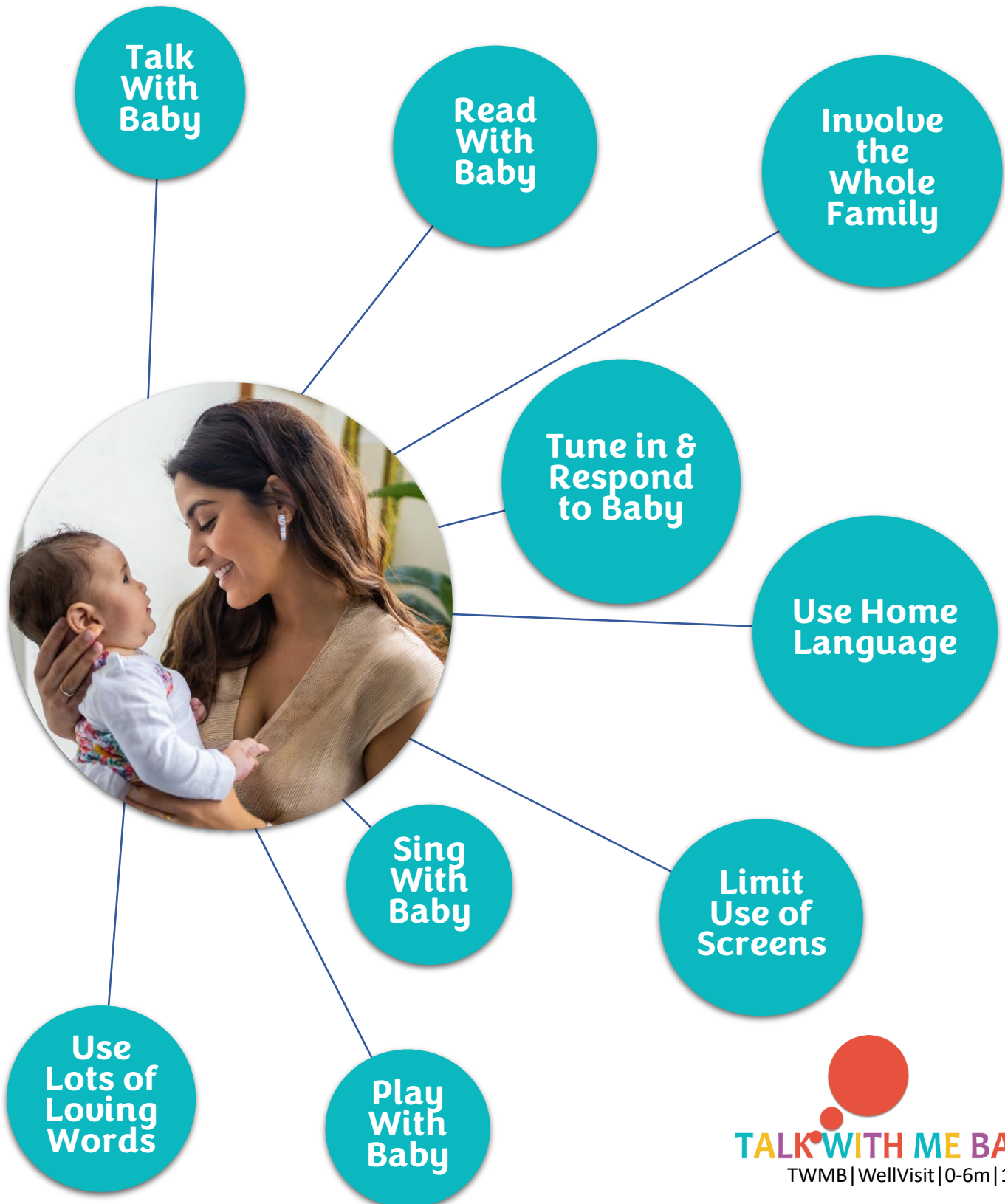


NEWBORN TO 6 MONTHS

BABIES THRIVE WHEN PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS...



HOW I COMMUNICATE

When I'm born, I have 100 billion brain cells (neurons) that start to connect when I have positive experiences with my parents and caregivers. Even though I can't talk yet, I'm still learning to communicate by listening to your words and sounds. When you interact with me happily and often, it helps me feel safe and grow. My babbles, squeals, and giggles are ways I'm learning to communicate, and together we're building my language and communication skills every day.

WHAT I NEED TO THRIVE

Use the **TALK** strategy to have back-and-forth conversations with your baby. TALK is an acronym to help you have loving, brain-building conversations with your baby.

T - Tune In. Notice and respond to your baby's cues and interests.

A - Ask Questions. Remember to pause for their response.

L - Lift Language. Use real words and complete sentences -- not baby talk.

K - Keep It Going. Tune into another cue or ask another question.

Your baby loves hearing your voice, especially when you use "parentese," the sing-songy way we naturally talk to babies. This, along with big facial expressions, helps keep their attention and teaches them important language sounds for talking and reading later on.

To help your baby learn new words, talk about what's happening around them. For example, you could say, "Brrr! That ice cube is cold. Did it feel cold when you touched it?" Speak in the language you're most comfortable with because babies can learn more than one language at a time. Everyone in the family, along with caregivers, can help your baby's language grow.

NEWBORN TO 6 MONTHS RESOURCES



These Sesame Workshop resources will help your child learn language.



LEARNING LANGUAGE - Parents/Caregivers can explore the many ways that children learn language from zero to three with this interactive learning tool. To get started, scan the QR Code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/learning-language-info/>

AGES & STAGES: TALKING - To learn about the many opportunities to talk with little ones all day long as they grow, scan this QR code or visit:

<https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/ages-stages-talking/>



LEARNING LANGUAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS - For great ideas to develop language during everyday moments, scan this QR code or visit: <https://sesameworkshop.org/resources/learning-language-everyday-routines/>

