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Do you like to talk?

## Discover the Future

The opportunity to care for children is available in many settings:

- Schools
- Homes (as a Nanny)
- Homes (Family Business)
- Parks
- Churches
- Child Care Centers
- Toy Stores
- Recreation/Sports' Centers
- Book Companies
- Library

For more career information see your school counselor and get information on-line at:  
<http://jobstar.org/tools/career/spec-car.cfm>  
 OR  
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### Child Care

## Talking Helps Children Learn to Read

by Vickie Miller

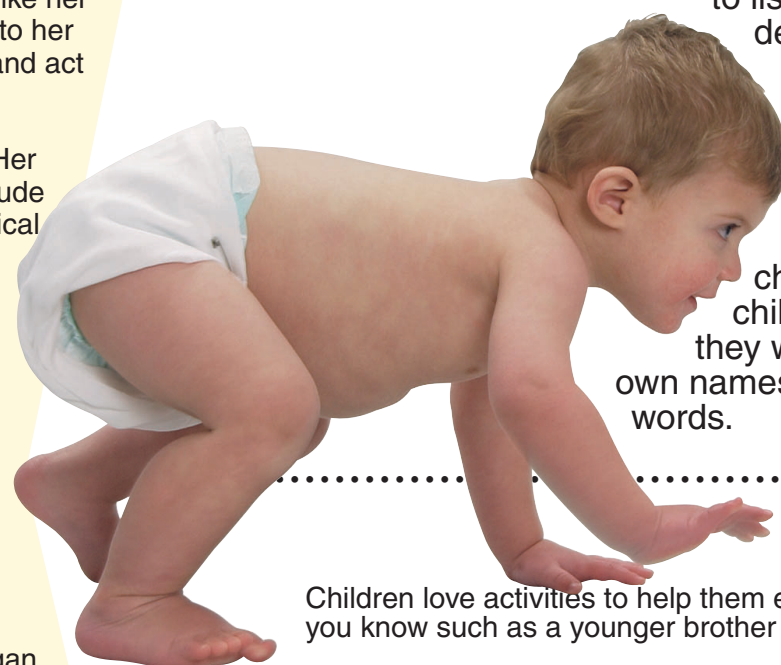
In the Child Care program at Manatee Technical Institute, classes focus on learning how children develop and what signs to look for as children mature. A healthy child will grow in three basic areas: their bodies grow, their minds learn to think, and they learn to get along with others.

For example, as young babies get stronger in the back and neck, they are able to sit up on their own in a balanced position, usually at about the age of four to six months. By the age of three, children are able to solve simple problems. Two year olds like to play, but they are not good at sharing and may push and fight over a toy. Have you ever heard of the terrible twos?

Over the years, researchers have watched and studied children to learn what kinds of activities are appropriate at certain ages. One hot topic these days is literacy because we want everyone to grow up to be good readers. Studies have found that there are some activities that can help young children to be good readers as they get older. One of them is talking a lot. So, if you like to talk, find a child, and chat away. It is helpful to use sophisticated words and to get the child to talk back to you. Ask questions such as, "What do you think will happen if...?"

Playing is also helpful because children usually talk while they play and you can use different toys and props to expand their vocabulary. Of course, reading stories to children and telling your own stories about your everyday experiences help children to listen and imagine and to develop into better readers later on.

Singing songs is also beneficial. Songs that rhyme are especially good in helping children to remember sounds. Finally, writing can begin at an early age, even if children just scribble. Once children begin to learn letters, they will be excited to write their own names and begin to read their own words.



### explore it

Children love activities to help them explore the world. Here are two activities that you can do with younger children you know such as a younger brother or sister.

#### Pop the Top

Items needed:

1. 35 mm film container
2. Water
3. Alka-Seltzer tablets
4. Outside location or a water proof surface

Fill the film container \_ full of water. Put Alka-Seltzer tablets in the film container and quickly attach the lid. Position the container away from the participants, and count out loud together to see how long it takes for the lid to burst off.

How this works: The tablets create carbon dioxide gas that has enough pressure to force the top off in a small explosion.

#### Colored Carrots

Items Needed:

1. Carrots
2. Tall cups
3. Water
4. Food coloring or liquid watercolor

Cut the tip off each carrot. Fill each cup \_ full with colored water. Place the carrots in the cups to sit for several days. Cut each carrot in half to examine the inside.

What this demonstrates: Water is absorbed into the carrot and up through its structure. Plants and trees gather water from their roots in the same way.



## Surrounded by Children

by Vickie Miller

Miscaline Frenot, a student at Bayshore High School, enjoys children of all ages, especially young infants, and has found ways to surround herself by them. There are a lot of children at her church, and she also spends time babysitting with family members. To learn more about children, she enrolled in the

Child Care program at **Manatee Technical Institute.**

Through MTI Miscaline has obtained a variety of skills and knowledge about children. What she finds most interesting is observing a child's behaviors and trying to analyze why they do certain things. She also tries to understand different ways to communicate with children. One challenge, she said, is coming up with activities for children and keeping them engaged.

Miscaline said that she has been told that she has a way with children and that children like her very well. She attributes it to her ability to get to their level and act like a child with them.

Miscaline plans to attend college after high school. Her career goals definitely include children, either in the medical field or in child care. Good luck, Miscaline.



Miscaline Frenot

## Rewarding Career

by Vickie Miller

Manatee Technical Institute instructor, Denise Jordan, began her career in Child Care when her children were young. Over the years, she has not lost her excitement for the field. Some of the most rewarding things, she says, are watching children grow and seeing the enlightenment in their eyes when they understand a new concept. Ms. Jordan especially likes experiencing the special moment when a toddler begins

forming their first words and sounds. Ms. Jordan teaches students at MTI to apply age-appropriate activities and to watch for normal growth and development in children. She also helps them to create curriculum to use with the children and to acquire good observation skills. At the Child Care Center at MTI, students get to work first-hand with children, and Ms. Jordan says that this helps them to get comfortable with children of all ages.

One of the most enjoyable things about Child Care according to Ms. Jordan is the child care teachers and providers. She said that they are nurturing and caring people who are truly concerned for the children.



Denise Jordan

- Ballard Elementary Magnet
- Daughtrey Preparatory Magnet
- Harllee Middle Magnet
- Johnson Middle Magnet
- Lee Middle Magnet



### Manatee Technical Institute



- Lincoln Middle Magnet
- Manatee Elementary Magnet
- Rowlett Elementary Magnet
- Tillman Elementary Magnet
- Wakeland Elementary Magnet

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- <http://bls.gov/oco/ocos170.htm>
- <http://bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs032.htm>
- <http://www.childcarecareers.gov.uk/>
- <http://childcare.net/indexnew.shtml>
- <http://www.khake.com/page15.html>