

Co-presence is the awareness of and connection with others in your environment.  
In protactile, co-presence is **physical**.

Interacting with others in this way is fundamental for **language development**.

## AWARENESS

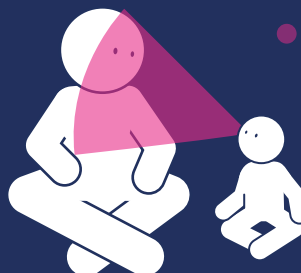


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Awareness of another person's presence is obtained by **touch**.



TOUCH



GAZE

This is similar to **looking at** each other.

## GIVING AN OBJECT



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To avoid startling your child, introduce objects starting at the shoulder first and **sliding** it down their arm.



INTRODUCTION BY TOUCH



INTRODUCTION BY SIGHT

This is like your child **seeing** an object before you give it to them.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

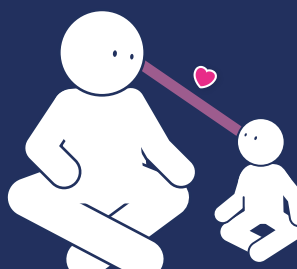


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**Tapping** your child gently on their body (shoulder, arm, leg)...



PHYSICAL CONTACT



EYE CONTACT

...is your way of giving your **nod of approval**.

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