



10 ways babies learn when we sing to them!

By Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer

1. **Bonding** – When you sing to your baby, they bond with you and your voice. Singing makes yours the first and most important voice in her life. Your baby learns that you LOVE him!
2. **Transitions** – Babies feel safe when life is predictable. A song for waking up, sleeping, and other routine transitions and activities helps them know what comes next.
3. **Language** – Language is in itself musical, and when you sing and speak, your baby learns about words, language, and communication. Through your singing, baby's language comprehension begins.
4. **New words** – While you sing and hold your baby, you introduce new vocabulary. When you hold up a stuffed dog as you sing about a dog, baby learns to associate the name of that toy with the words you sing. When you sing about parts of the body and kiss your baby's feet or tickle his tummy, he learns new words.
5. **Rhythm & rhyme** – Music includes rhythm and rhyme, again, part of our language. In time, babies will recognize rhymes and rhythms.
6. **Play** – Singing is one of many methods of play and "sing-play" is a fun way to interact with babies.
7. **Family fun** – Singing is a great way to involve older siblings in welcoming a new baby to the home. Singing to and playing with the baby builds a bond between siblings. Make singing a family activity.

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PATCH, A Safety Net for Children & Families



We go out into our community to make sure PATCH reaches all in need of help and services.

At Maui's Celebration of Children and Youth Day, PATCH was there to offer child care referral services, consult with families, give out free books and do coloring activities with keiki. **Amy told us, "PATCH is a safety net for children and families"**—it is good to see parents like Amy know PATCH. **Do you know we can help you to:**

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- ✧ get help to pay for child care and preschool.
- ✧ open your own home child care business.
- ✧ learn about caring for young children, their nutrition, and development.
- ✧ get training and career counseling to work in infant toddler centers and preschools.

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POD Oahu

POD Toll-Free

(808) 791-2130

1-800-746-5620

Download an application at www.patchhawaii.org

Applications must be received at the Oahu office by March 31, 2017 to be considered. Return completed applications to:



PATCH-POD

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8. **Singing names** – A baby can learn his name by hearing it in songs. Try substituting your baby's name for other words in songs so he hears his name sung over and over again.
9. **Listening skills** – Like reading, singing is an activity that requires listening. It's another opportunity for your baby to begin to understand language and feelings expressed through language and sing-play.
10. **LOVE** – All of the above boils down to using your singing voice as a way to express love. Babies don't care if you are a great singer. They only care that you are singing to THEM! In their eyes (and their ears), you'll be a star!



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Basic Series: Thursday 6-9:00 p.m.
Infant Toddler: Mondays/Thursdays 6-9:00 p.m.

PARENTS — want to start a home child care business? Or, learn more about your baby or toddler's brain development, needs and growth?

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BASIC SERIES starts Thursday 1/26/2017, runs through 3/30/2017. Classes include introduction to family child care, the basics, building a business, promoting it, relationships with families in your home, addressing health and environmental standards, child development and providing quality child care.

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The Parent Line:

Oahu: 526-1222
Neighbor Islands:
1-800-816-1222.

Aloha United Way - 211:

Available Monday-Friday, 6am-9pm, it's fast, free and confidential. Call 211 now to GET or GIVE HELP.
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Online News

Daily Parent: Visit www.childcareaware.org/parents-and-guardians/newsletters/are-you-aware.

Healthline.com Asthma animation: A comprehensive overview of asthma as a critical starting point for individuals and/or their loved ones. Reviewed for medical accuracy by an M.D. visit: <http://www.healthline.com/asthma/anatomy-animations#1/airway-inflammation>

KidSource OnLine: www.kidsource.com

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Child Care Aware: www.childcareaware.org

Born Learning: Visit www.bornlearning.org.

Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids - A Nutrition and Activity Guide for Parents: an interactive resource with activities, recipes, mealtime tips, guides and much more! Visit www.wellpoint.com/healthy_parenting/index.html.

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- Early childhood development resources
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GREAT NEWS!



- ✧ **PATCH was recognized as a leader of childcare nutrition** and won an award at the annual Child Care Food Program Roundtable conference, a national event held in October, 2016.
- ✧ **PATCH launched our new website! www.patchhawaii.org.** We redesigned our website with you in mind. You will notice stream-lined menus, simplified navigation and access to the information you need, any time of day. As a destination for Hawaii's families, early child care professionals and community we hope it serves you well.
- ✧ **Two of our popular child care workshops are online now!** Want to learn about caring for infants and toddlers. Check out our LIVE online webinars January-March on page 5 or <http://patchhawaii.org/train-with-patch/>
- ✧ **Active children do better!** Find physical exercises kids will love. Visit the **go smart** gosmart.nhsa.org for ideas to use and modify to suit your keiki from National Head Start Association. **LET'S GET MOVING** and activities your



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