



SCAFFOLDING

Structured assistance, or guidance, that enables a child to solve a problem, carry out a task, or achieve a goal that is just beyond their current capabilities in the present moment. Over time, as their ability grows, the amount of assistance or guidance they need decreases.



USE SCAFFOLDING

1. Pay attention to the child and the environment.
 - Is this skill or task within the child's grasp or reach?
 - Are the environment and expectations appropriate for the child?
 - Does the child need time to complete this task on their own?
 - Does the child need assistance?
2. If the child needs time, keep paying attention.
 - Is the child able to tolerate the frustration to complete the task at hand?
3. If the child needs assistance, offer emotional presence and support, while offering the smallest amount of intervention necessary.
 - Break up the skill into small pieces.
 - Use verbal or visual cues.
 - Give encouragement or guidance.