

Feeding is an interactive process.



A Nurturing Emotional Relationship:

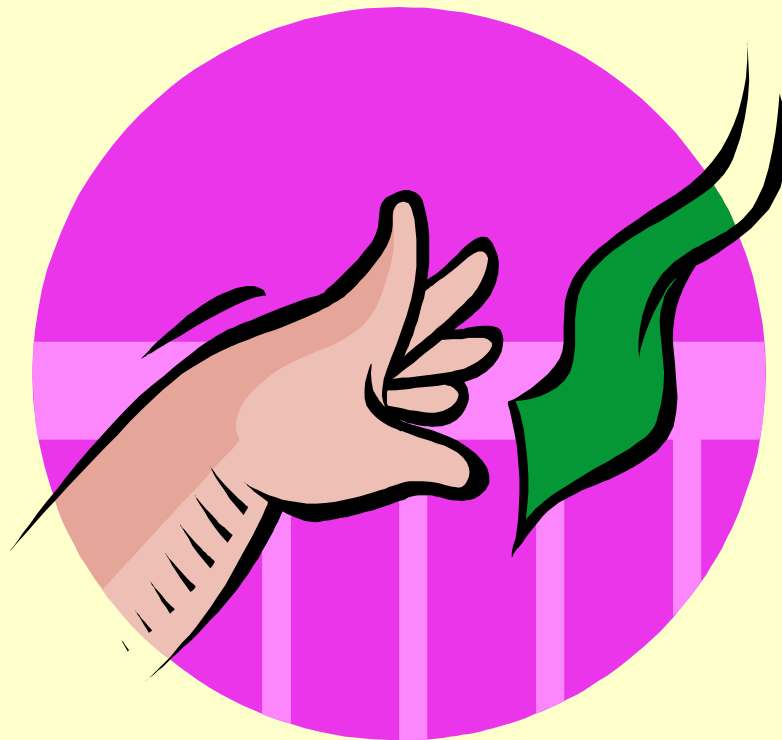


- The most crucial foundation for growth.

Feeding: Begins the relationship



Babies tell you what they need.



Caregiver's responsibility to adapt to infant's needs



Infant Feeding: Complicated Process



- Coordinate suck, swallow and breathe.
- Use 32 pairs of muscles.

Children with Special Needs

- Watch for:
 - Arching away during feeding
 - Gagging
 - Choking, tiring quickly
 - Refusal
 - Lack of weight gain
 - Wet gurgle & arching after feeding

What to do:

- Inform parents that day.
- Encourage medical follow-up.
- Call your public health nurse.
- Feed slowly and keep upright.
- Do not jiggle, shake or toss.