




## How Parents Can Help Children Develop Friendships

- ✓ Create an environment in your home that attracts kids; make it a fun place for them to get together.
  - ✓ Play "detective". Observe carefully the places where other children in the neighborhood hang out, paying attention to the activities they enjoy, music, etc.
  - ✓ Sign your child up for community groups and activities that involve other neighborhood children of the same age.
  - ✓ Help your child reach out to children he/she likes.
  - ✓ Be sure your child has a typical routine, school day and lifestyle – minimize differences.
  - ✓ Find activities in which your child can succeed, using his/her interests and strengths in different settings.
  - ✓ Speak up when you need assistance or ideas to help your child develop friendships.
  - ✓ Invite two friends at a time over to play with your child.
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