

# Oh Baby! Alternative-Relationships

The purpose of this alternative assignment is to recognize the challenges of taking care of an infant or young child 24 hours a day and discover information about how to meet or handle these challenges.

## General Guidelines:

Be sure to provide several examples of what you have observed and solutions you have become aware of. This assignment needs to reflect what you have learned about children and caregiving. No examples = no learning.

A summary is a good quality paragraph that includes 5-9 sentences, has a topic and summary sentence. They are good English-class style paragraphs with proper punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and grammar.

Infants are children who are zero months to 1 year old. Toddlers are two and three year olds.

All materials submitted, except the survey results that are filled out by an outside participant must be typed!

***PLEASE: gather all of your materials and submit your project as one complete piece.***  
*Electronic submission will be accepted, however, one file must contain  
ALL materials and documents.*

## Reflection:

Meaningful reflection can help you gather and express your thoughts about the challenges of responsible care giving. Your responses provided MsPedi with feedback on what you learned about the realities of caregiving through your research.

Using the following statements about being a responsible caregiver, create a poem, poster, song/rap, brochure, or essay to express what you have learned.

- *I learned that responsible caregivers need to have KNOWLEDGE about...*
- *I learned that responsible caregivers need to have these SKILLS...*
- *I learned that these PERSONAL LIFE SITUATIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES can help caregivers to be responsible...*
- *I learned that responsible caregivers need to have these ATTITUDES...*

## DO THREE of FOUR of the following activities.

### Activity 1: Article Review

Find 3 articles that deal with parenting infants or young children. Summarize each article and tell what you learned. Describe methods that worked or didn't work to meet the challenges discussed. (Ex: "Parents" or "Child" magazine, newspaper, BabyCenter, etc. Provide a copy of the article, url, Volume/date/author of the article/publication.

### Activity 2: Follow a Parenting Blog

Find and follow a parent blog for 3 days. Describe the challenges expressed and described by the parents/caregivers. Describe your ideas or those given in the blog for dealing with these challenges. Provide the url for the blog.

### Activity 3: Survey/Interview

Compose 15 survey questions to serve as the basis of an interview you will have with a child caregiver in a childcare or preschool setting about the challenges of caring for infants or young children.

Or...

Compose 15 survey questions to serve as the basis of an interview you will have with a parent or grandparent of an infant or young child about the challenges of caring for this age child.

Ask about methods they have learned or developed to deal with these challenges. Hold the interview and get a signature and phone number/email from the persons interviewed. Write a summary of what you learned.

### Activity 4: Baby TV

Watch 4 half hour episodes (or 2 hours total) of a television show about babies or young children. Write a summary of each episode and describe the challenges you observed in caring for these age groups and the methods the program communicated or suggested for dealing with these challenges. Tell if you think these methods were effective or not. Be sure to include with your summaries the title of the show, the episode name and number and where you watched it (Youtube, Netflix, live tv, etc)

