

Web-based Programs for Parents: Innovative or Archaic?

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Joy, fear, fun, and frustration — what you need to know about babies

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Out in the world and out of sight — encouraging competence and confidence

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Exciting, embarrassing and sometimes extreme — staying connected when kids want to fly



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- Learning
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- Sleeping

STRATEGIES FOR FAMILY LIFE

- Caring for Yourself
- Getting Help, Solving Problems
- Managing Work, Families & Activities
- Pep Talks
- Rituals, Routines & Traditions
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What to Do When Baby Cries

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Articles

2-5 Toddlers/Preschool

[Getting Ready for School](#)

Many parents worry about what and how much their child should know before they arrive at school. There are no hard and fast rules for what teachers expect. It can differ from school to school.

[Helping Children Learn to Read](#)

Early and continual parental involvement has great benefits for children. Parents help to stimulate their child's development when they read, sing, and talk to their babies from birth.

[Kindergarten: Ready or Not, Here I Come!](#)

Going to kindergarten is an important milestone in every child's life. Successful transitions made early in life pave the way for the ones that come later.

[Learning about Letters and Words](#)

Being able to read well will give your child an advantage in school and in life. Parents can do a lot to prepare their children to read.





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	Infants	Pre-schoolers	School-Age	Teens	Total
Year to Date:	62970	74267	100058	39339	135954
October	6643	7869	10271	3822	14811
September	5863	7091	10087	3937	14204
August	5644	6744	9849	3894	13663
July	8952	10399	13675	5650	19350
June	9847	12301	18972	6748	24863
May	4559	5505	7841	2934	10272
April	4215	4842	5929	2230	7666
March	5273	6028	7210	3160	9542
February	5846	6439	7784	3357	10005
January	4786	5422	6089	2733	8185

Top 15 Extension Websites for September 2006

Site Name	Page Views	% of Total
1. Great Plant Escape	1,019,572	18.7%
2. State Website	244,722	4.5%
3. Let's Talk about Insects (Spanish)	222,959	4.1%
4. Watch Your Garden Grow	222,241	4.1%
5. Apples & More	206,906	3.8%
6. Adventures of Herman	203,031	3.7%
7. Let's Talk about Insects	157,218	2.9%
8. Trees Are Terrific	135,781	2.5%
9. Great Plant Escape (Spanish)	133,137	2.4%
10. Business of Babysitting	112,347	2.1%
11. Pumpkins & More	107,256	2.0%
12. Walk in the Woods	97,138	1.8%
13. Calendar of Events (I-Inform)	95,788	1.8%
14. Out on a Limb	84,810	1.6%
15. Selecting Trees for Your Home	82,641	1.5%

Urban Programs Resource Network	4,936,503	90.5%
Organizational Information	222,791	4.1%
Offices	211,691	3.9%
All About 4-H	104,388	1.9%
Environmental Stewardship	18,607	0.3%
Home and Money	107,650	2.0%
Hort Corner	1,309,553	24.0%
Just for Kids	2,573,955	47.2%
Nutrition and Health	204,668	3.8%
Parenting and Seniors	270,045	4.9%
Schools Online	2,565,565	47.0%

Parenting and Seniors	270,045	4.9%
Business of Babysitting	112,347	2.1%
Business of Babysitting (Spanish)	32,303	0.6%
Child Care for Teen Parents	792	0.0%
Child Care for Teen Parents (Spanish)	260	0.0%
Dealing with Toddlers	7,921	0.1%
Dealing with Toddlers (Spanish)	2,240	0.0%
Elder Abuse	1,451	0.0%
Family Works	13,431	0.2%
Family Works (Spanish)	38,689	0.7%
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Nibbles	11,621	0.2%
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Your New Baby (Spanish)	2,148	0.0%

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October 31, 2006

"Super Mom Syndrome" strikes again

By Amy M.

"Ahoy Mateys!" began the invitations to Alex's fourth birthday party. The rest of the text was peppered with pirate lingo and invited his friends -- er, mateys -- to a party and treasure hunt with "grub, goodies and games." Parents were asked to RSVP to Alex's "First Mate Mom." I printed the invitations on special "scroll" paper using the "Backladder" font, which was recommended online by other pirate party planners (yes, there are a lot of them).

When the kids arrived, they could choose from a selection of pirate clothing and paraphernalia, including kerchiefs, sashes, hats and eye patches. They played games such as "hook for pretzels" (using a pirate hook they wore over their hand) and "pin the eye patch on the pirate." The climax, of course, was the treasure hunt, during which the kids raced from spot to spot in our backyard (each spot had a picture that told them where to go next) and finally discovered a treasure chest filled with "loot": trinkets, pads and pencils, gold foil-covered chocolate coins, and more.

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Blogging Baby Sleepover for Thursday, November 2

Posted Nov 2nd 2006 8:53PM by [Jenifer Scharpen](#)

Filed under: [Blogs](#), [Sleepover](#)

Oh, internet! It's been a collective hard day out there, hasn't it? I'm coming across all these tales of Things Going Wrong.

[Mrs. Figby](#) took her daughter in for a doctor visit and, well, let's just say that when most of us have to stay somewhere longer than expected, we don't usually have to bring an airplane into the mix to get our kids to and from where they need to go and be. I'm anxiously awaiting her update to find out what will happen next.



And Jenn, of [Breed 'Em And Weep](#), had the most terrifying Halloween I can imagine. Scary and horribly gross. Jenn, I hope you are feeling better and I hope your house has excellent cross-ventilation and that it's not too cold to leave the windows open for awhile. A good, long, while.

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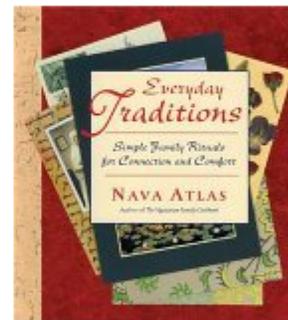
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MOTHER TALK BLOG BOOK TOUR: EVERYDAY TRADITIONS

Parent Hacks is part of the [Mother Talk Blog Book Tour](#) for [Everyday Traditions: Simple Family Rituals for Connection and Comfort](#), by Nava Atlas.

When Andi Buchanan (one of the founders of Mother Talk and [accomplished parenting author](#) in her own right) emailed me about this book thinking it might be a good fit, I was immediately intrigued. Ritual is something I've been drawn to more and more as my children grow. I feel a pull toward repetition and tradition and saying to my kids, "we do this every week/season/year!" But, despite my roots in two highly ritualized cultures (my father's from India and my mother is Jewish), my upbringing, and our family life, is relatively secular.



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(Techcrunch March 9 2006)



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Comment by Business_Mama on 11/2/06
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Mommy, I can be a firefighter because I'm potty trained

Brett

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My poop looks like noodles! It looks like snakes!

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LOVE IT!



Daddy, did you make a bottom burk?

wcs

LOVE IT!



What that nose? - (What's that noise?)

Avery's Hot Dad

LOVE IT!

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mommyof2galz created activity on 11/2/06

Culture Shock Dance Center

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Pew Internet Project:

Online Health Search 2006

- 75% of online health seekers say they check the source and date of information “only sometimes”, “hardly ever”, or “never”
- 66% begin with a search engine
- 48% say they sought information for someone else

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Most of your baby's time is spent crying, eating, and sleeping. Most of your time is spent trying to figure out the best way to meet your baby's needs.



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