

# Let's Talk Playgrounds



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These panels set the groundwork for reading. They help us focus on cognition, language and literacy, music and nutrition. Because there are prompts about all of the different topics sprinkled throughout, there's a teachable moment everywhere.



## Promoting Literacy Through Playground Designs

We're proud to partner with **Too Small to Fail's** "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" campaign. Together, we're reaching parents and caregivers to help them boost their children's early brain and language development through play and playgrounds.

**Research shows that simple, everyday interactions** such as talking, reading, and singing with young children—especially during the earliest years of life—can improve language skills, boost brain development, and have a lifelong positive impact. With the **Talking is Teaching playground panels**, parents and caregivers can help their children get ready for kindergarten and set them up for success in school and in life.



*This sample playstructure is designed with a variety of age-appropriate activities and encourages conversation between caregivers and children ages 6 to 23 months.*



Smart design and strategically placed panels encourage vocabulary-rich conversations among caregivers and their kids ages 2 to 5 while they play.



Playground designs featuring the Talking is Teaching panels and conversation prompts throughout the playground incorporate topics that are relatable to this young age group—bedtime, feelings, colors, shapes, numbers and more. The designs provide room for language-rich interactions among children and their caregivers while encouraging social play among all children.

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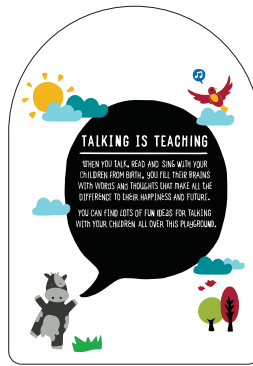
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Because we have a big emphasis on literacy in the Mississippi Delta, the Talking is Teaching panels help enhance what we're already trying to do. It won't just be learning in the classroom and fun on the playground. There will be meaningful learning everywhere.



# Expert-advised graphic panels

Learn more about the Too Small to Fail initiative by visiting [toosmall.org](http://toosmall.org), and find tools and resources for parents and caregivers at [talkingisteaching.org](http://talkingisteaching.org).



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