## Role play with telephones is a great way to build communication skills!

Even the quietest children have something to say when you hand them a telephone. They may look like just a bunch of old phones to you, but it is actually one of the best ways to get children talking, role playing, and using their imagination all at the same time...

## **Promoting Communication**

As you listen to your children talk on the phone, you can hear the different ways they choose to speak and like whom. The children often even stand or use body language like mom or dad or they use language that sounds like mom or dad.

But the best part of playing with the telephones is that everyone is talking. They are communicating. Sometimes, they are communicating with each other through some sort of role play...

## **Skill Development**

The use of telephones promotes all types of learning as well as growth and development. As the children play, they often use paper and pencils to jot down a few notes or they will dial a certain number many times until they can get someone to answer the phone. In other words, we have a little vocabulary, communication, dramatic play, pre-writing skills, number recognition, and fine motor skills all in action at the same time....

