GREENSPAN'S FLOOR TIME

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Your Child's Actions	Your Solutions
Avoids, moves away	- Persist in your pursuit
	- Treat as intentional
	 Provide visual cues
	 Playfully obstruct
	 Attract with "magic"
	 Insist on a response
Stays stuck, does not know what to	 Provide destination
do next	 Return object of interest
	 Use object in some way
	 Expand, expand
	 Give new meanings
	 Use ritualized cues to start
	("ready, set, go")
Uses scripts	- Join in
	 Offer alternative scripts
	 Change direction of script
Perseverates	 Ask for turn, join, imitate, help
	 Make interactive
	 Ask "how many" more times
	- Set up "special" time
Protests	 Act sorry, play dumb, restore
Rejects, refuses	 Provide more things to say "no"
	- to
	 Expand, give other choices or
-	- time
Says something unrelated	 Insist on a response
	 Notice change or bring closure
Becomes anxious or fearful	- Reassure
	- Problem solve
	- Use symbolic solutions
Acts out, pushes, hits	- Provide affective cue ("Uh, uh,
	uh," "No, no, no") to
	encourage self regulation.
	- Set limits
	- Reward for absence of negative
	- behaviors