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SORTING ACTIVITIES

Resource & Referral Handout

Activity: Vases and Flowers

Purpose: Provide practice in developing one-to-one correspondence, in forming sets

Materials: Ten containers (such as, small plastic juice bottles or baby food-jars)
Fifty-five plastic flowers
Marking pen
Ten cards
Container for materials

How to Make: Place dots on each card up to ten (for example, one dot on the first card, two dots on the second card, three dots on the third card). You can decorate the containers.

Example of Use: Have the child choose a card and a vase. Ask him or her to put the same number of flowers in the vase as the number of dots. Verbalize. For example, "one flower for this dot, one flower this dot. Good, Let's count them. One, Two. Let's count the dots, One, Two. Is that the same? Yes, it is."

Activity:	Sorting Train
Purpose:	Provide practice in sorting objects by use.
How:	By classifying objects into containers.
Materials:	Two shoeboxes with lids Staples Eight coffee can lids Common objects or pictures of items found in different department stores Tagboard squares
How to Make:	Place the shoebox lid ends up inside the box--stapled to box. Place jar or coffee can lids like wheels on the sides of the box.
Example of Use:	Have the child put the objects/pictures into the shoeboxes with guidance.