# The Center for Exceptional Families Webinar Series: Play Strategies for Children

# Why Play Matters?

- ✓ Parents are a child's first teacher
- ✓ Time to bond
- ✓ Health and physical activity for all

## The Role of Parents in Play

- ✓ Promote play based on your child's preferences
- ✓ Make play time a priority for your child and family
- ✓ Model social skills and bonding

# **Tips for Parents**

- ✓ Set a daily schedule or routine
- ✓ Motivate your child
- ✓ Put limits on screen time
- ✓ Get your child started on activities
- ✓ Play time should be at least 5 times per week for a minimum of 20-25 minutes

### Remember:

- ✓ One size does not fit all
  - o Every household will differ
  - Modify and adjust accordingly
  - Reinforce and motivate