

DO THIS AT HOME

Free the Toys!

Try doing this to provide your child with a new and interesting perspective on old toys.

What Your Child Will Learn

When learning environments become stagnant, children become bored. To keep things interesting, adults need to present new activities, new ideas, and often, toys and materials that were temporarily held captive in storage! Children learn to appreciate old and new items alike, and find exciting ways to engage with materials that, when freed from storage, may seem fresh and new again.

Materials Needed

empty clear bins for storage and/or full bins of toys that are presently in storage

What to Do

- ▶ With your child, look around the playroom and ask which toys he hasn't played with in a while.
- ▶ Put these toys or sets of materials in clear bins.
- ▶ Once a week, bi-weekly, or whenever you feel is appropriate (rainy days are great times, too!), bring two or three of the bins out of storage.
- ▶ Watch in amazement as previously overlooked toys become the central focus for your child!
- ▶ Do this often to maintain your child's interest in all of his toys.

*You can download this activity and the other at-home activities in this book at www.centerforresilientchildren.org/SSES.