

DO THIS AT HOME
Where Does It Go?

Try this activity at home to reinforce the importance of organization in your child's environment.

What Your Child Will Learn

Although it may not seem like it, sometimes children actually enjoy organization and a world that makes sense. Clutter and disorganization can confuse your child about expectations and about her own safety and care. When you involve your child in the clean-up process, you send the message that you care about her spaces, and you want her to care too. Storing toys and materials on low, open shelves offers an open invitation for your child to access what she needs to be imaginative and playful.

Materials Needed

bin/basket, toys and materials from low shelves around the house

What to Do

- ▶ Take a bin/basket and discreetly collect a few things from various low shelves in your child's play area. Label it the "Where Does It Go?" bin.
- ▶ Present your child with the "Where Does it Go?" bin, and explain to her that you want her to help these toys find their homes.
- ▶ One at a time, take each object from the bin and ask your child to help the lost toy or material find its way back home.
- ▶ This activity is a great way to introduce new toys and materials and a wonderful opportunity to practice picking up!
- ▶ Try selecting items such as socks, backpacks, and dirty clothes that often have a hard time finding their way to their respective "homes!"

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