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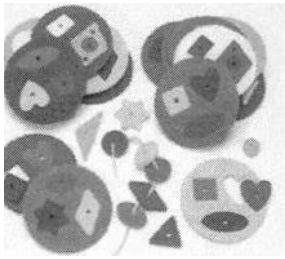

GUIDE SHEET: TOY SENIOR

FIT-A-SPACE PUZZLE

PROGRAM YEAR: 2

Supporting Your Child's Development: There are many ways to play with this puzzle, including making shape matches, making shape and color matches, and putting the shapes on a lace. All these ways of playing will assist in your child's **fine motor development** and ability to identify shapes, count, sort, pattern, and group - an essential part of **math readiness** for school.

Name and encourage your child to name:

Labels: Star, circle, triangle, heart, square, oval, lace

Colors: Blue star, **Red** heart, **Yellow** square, etc.

Numbers: Four hearts, **Two** laces

Shapes and Sizes: Small shapes, **Larger** puzzle boards, **Round** circle, **Long** lace

Textures: Bumpy puzzle

Relationships: The lace goes **into** the hole. The heart is **next to** the square.

Categories: Shapes, colors

Causing Things to Happen: If you turn the puzzle piece around, it will fit in.

Describe your actions. Encourage child to describe ownactions:

General: Let's start with only a few pieces first.

Matching: Match the heart shape into the same shape on the puzzle board.

Sounds: When you drop a piece on the table, see if it makes a sound.

Fitting: Let's try to fit all the triangle pieces infirst.

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Remind the child to think about what s/he is doing:

To Get Child's Attention: Take a good look at this circle and a good look at the puzzle board.

To Make a Choice: Which shape do you want to put in first?

To Encourage Self-control: There are a lot of pieces here. Let's focus on this one puzzle board first.

To Remember Other Experiences: Do you have another toy that has different shapes?

To Do Things in the Right Order: Let's put a circle on the lace, and then a star.

Fun ideas to usewith your child:

- Help your child trace a round puzzle board and add a face by tracing around the smaller puzzle pieces to make eyes, nose, and mouth. Your child can add hair by gluing on pieces of yarn.
- Cut out different colors of construction paper into different shapes and lay down the shapes on the floor. Direct your child to jump on the yellow star, the green circle, etc.