



CBD Parent Education Program Independence

Tuesday, 24 August 2010, Sydney
12:30pm to 2:00pm

Montessori says the young child is driven towards developing independence. This is the child who is saying 'Help me to do it myself'. The need to be somewhere, to get things finished, and the fast pace we live our lives can get in the way of this. It can be quicker and more efficient to do things for our children. By meeting our needs to show we care and love our children we can inadvertently rob them of the experience and opportunity to practice or learn a new skill. Come to find out how we can support the child's journey towards independence and through this lay the foundations for later cognitive, social and emotional development.

"The child has to acquire physical independence by being self-sufficient; he must become of independent will by using in freedom his own power of choice; he must become capable of independent thought by working alone without interruption. The child's development follows a path of successive stages of independence, and our knowledge of this must guide us in our behaviour towards him. We have to help the child to act, will and think for himself." Dr Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*, p. 257

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