

# Getting a Friend's Attention In a Toddler Classroom

The Rise School of Denver uses the LEAP social skills curriculum in our Toddler classrooms to promote quality friendship skills. When teaching social skills, we:

## BREAK SKILLS DOWN EVEN MORE AND EXPLICITLY TEACH

### To Get a Friend's Attention We:

- Step 1: Tap Peer On Shoulder
- Step 2: Say/Communicate Their Name
- Step 3: Turn to Look When Peer Taps
- Step 4: Wait for Peer to Look



## PROVIDE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTICE AND THEN REINFORCE

- Teach each skill systematically and one at a time until most children are using the skill
- Teach, model, and practice each skill during whole group times
- Embed 2-3 opportunities to practice skill during each routine
- Provide meaningful reinforcement when child uses skill

