

**“I really enjoyed having my children get to know/interact with other kids their age.**

**I also enjoyed the ideas that I got for stimulating toys and activities to try at home.”**

**—Parent reflecting on the PIWI class experience**



# **Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI)**



## **Find a PIWI class near you.**

For statewide information or details about the PIWI Training of Facilitators, please contact:  
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# What is PIWI?

PIWI is a relationship-based framework that combines developmental information with an opportunity for parents and caregivers to interact with their children while receiving feedback from a trained facilitator in a supportive context. PIWI is used in home visiting or play group settings with children who are developmentally 0-36 months. Classes are typically 90 minutes, once a week for nine weeks. They can be held in a variety of locations that are comfortable for families and safe for children such as libraries, childcare centers, churches, etc.

The goals of PIWI are to increase the confidence, competence, and mutual enjoyment of the caregiver and child.



**“Parents were able to learn words to use with children to encourage them and keep them engaged. It was an amazing connection...parents, kids, and facilitators...we were all sad when it ended.”**

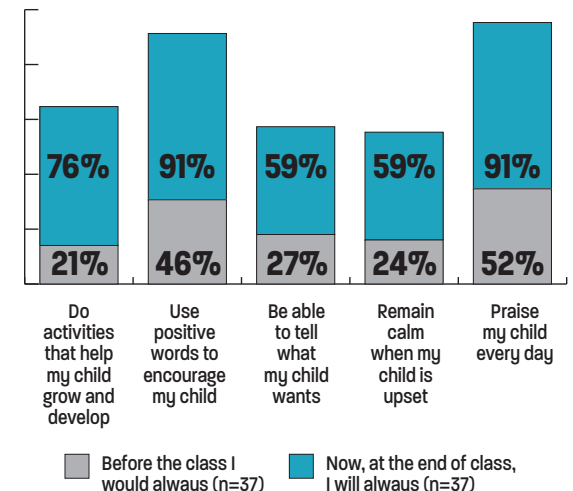
**— PIWI facilitator reflecting on class experience**



These goals are accomplished by:

- Providing developmental information on a topic of the day (examples include: help me love books, how I play with other children, help me explore and learn, etc.)
- Setting up opportunities for parents to interact with their child in a way that is related to the topic and is enjoyable
- Giving feedback to parents based on the observations of the facilitator
- Offering opportunities for parents to talk to and support one another
- Debriefing what parents learned about their child from the experience in class that day
- Recommending ideas for how they can continue to engage with their child at home

## Parents who engaged in PIWI developed important parenting skills.



\*Data from parents who completed the evaluation survey from PIWI classes in 2022