

## **10 IDEAS TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE AS YOU PLAY TOGETHER WITH STRINGING TOYS**

1. *Count the beads on the string.*
2. *Have your child try to copy a pattern you have set up.*
3. *Have your child find different colors and shapes within his/her pattern.*
4. *Describe similarities and differences between beads.*
5. *Categorize like beads together and count the beads in each group.*
6. *Match like shapes or colors and label the beads as such.*
7. *Categorize like beads together and have your child tell why they go together. Ex. all the beads are round.*
8. *Put a group of 3 like beads together and add a fourth unlike the others. Have your child find the one that doesn't belong and tell why.*
9. *Hide one bead in the immediate environment and have your child find it based on descriptions you provide.*
10. *Try beginning addition problems with the beads. "If we have 2 beads here and we add 2 more beads, let's count how many there will be all together."*