

## TEETHING

What Is It?

Teething is the eruption of the primary teeth in a young child. Children grow 20 teeth, typically between the ages of 3 months and 3 years.

It is NOT...

Contagious

A fever above 100.4 degrees An excuse for a cold or viral infection Vomiting, rash, cough, congestion, diarrhea

Typical Signs and Symptoms

Chewing
Excessive drooling
Sore or tender gums
Irritability or poor sleep
Slightly raised temperature

DO NOT USE

Amber teething necklaces Homeopathic remedies Gels with benzocaine Teething tablets

Supporting, promoting, and strengthening the profession of family childcare thereby enriching the lives of providers, children, families, and communities.

www.mccpin.org

Let your child chew on teething toys

Give them frozen teethers, washcloths, or cold food

Have them wear a bib to collect the drool

Use an over the counter pain reliever at night if your doctor agrees

## **RESOURCES**

mayoclinic.org
healthychildren.org
mouthhealthy.org
fda.gov
webmd.com

