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Guidelines for Engaging in Prompting *(Manual Signs)*

- 1** **Physically hand over hand prompt** the child to make the sign for the item or activity.
 - **Withhold/Block** items if necessary while prompting.
 - **Refrain** from giving desired items until they repeat after you, even if it is an approximation.
- 2** Parents can praise or motivate the child to encourage future probability of the child's behavior.

Example: Alex sees a cookie they want. The parent hand over hand will sign “cookie” while saying, “cookie” or “want cookie”. Upon the child responding, the parent will give the cookie to the child while saying, “great job asking for a cookie! Here is your chocolate chip cookie”.