



# HIERARCHY OF SELF-SOOTHING

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Voice to Soothe

Voice & Proximity to Soothe

Touch, Voice & Proximity to Soothe

External Support to Soothe (Patting)

Holding, Feeding, Bouncing, Rocking Until Drowsy

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### What does this mean?

All babies start at the bottom of the hierarchy needing help to get to sleep.

We bounce, rock, pat, do all the soothing to help our new-borns sleep.

As they get older they become more and more capable of self soothing, and to encourage this, we can gradually move up the hierarchy.

Gradually reducing how much we assist while they try out their new abilty to soothe themselves.

You can do this gradually, or jump straight to the top while sleep training and working on self settling.

If your baby is self settling and they get sick with a bug or vius, try to only gradually move down the hierarchy, don't leap straight to the bottom to avoid big regressions.



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We would love to help you and your family get the sleep you all need and deserve!

Remember sleep is a biological necessity, not a luxury!



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