Children invited to participate in research studies at the University of Ottawa

MaryAnn Turnbull, of Turnbull Career Counselling, in Ottawa, and Director of the CAMH, says, "We have found that many children are not 'good' at science."

She outlines some things that parents can do to lead their child to a love and interest in science.

- Listen when your child talks about science. Parents should be asking questions, or saying, "Yes, I'd like to know more about that."

- If you don't know as much as your child about a science subject, your child can teach you something. Ask your child questions and encourage your child to explain something to you.

- Help your child find a way to learn about science. Try to find out what your child likes to do, or what your child is interested in. Then try to find a way to help your child learn about science. For example, if your child likes to read, try to find a book about science. If your child likes to play with toys, try to find a science toy. If your child likes to play with water, try to find a water science experiment.

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