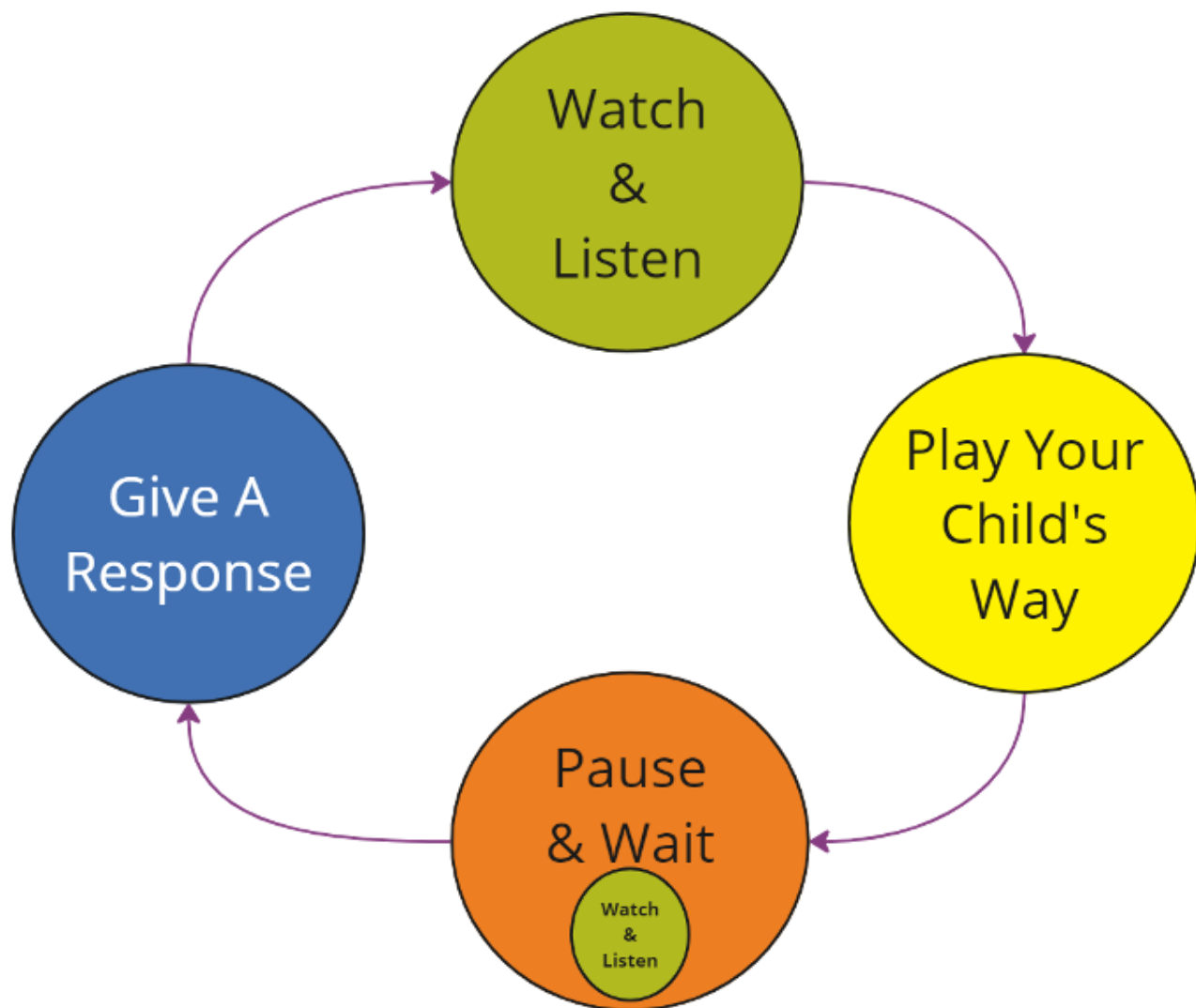
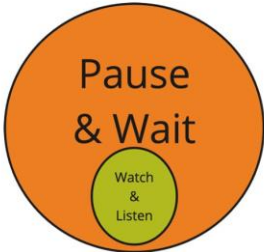




The Interaction Cycle



	Ask yourself: • What is my child paying attention to right now? • What are they most interested in? • What do they need right now? • What do they want to happen? How do I know this? • Was it something they said? • Was it something they did?
	Follow your child's lead – do what they do. Get close – face to face if possible. Play beside them if face to face is too much right now. Keep your pace slow. Use your own objects and imitate their actions and sounds. Help them act on their ideas. Make it more fun with you than without you.
	Pause to give your child a chance to continue the fun with you. While you pause your words and actions, watch and listen to your child again.
	Use a sound, word, phrase, action or picture to show your child you understand what they are interested in. OR Say a word or phrase or show an action or picture your child could use to keep the interaction going.