

Family Engagement Activities

Expand on the experience

Where's the Child? 6-12 months (Behavior Specific)
 Infants search under a blanket for a rattle or preschooler.
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ii - Locates a hidden object (a one-step hiding action) (Fine motor)
 Observed the child: A) remove the blanket to find the partially hidden toy or object, B) find a toy or object that was completely hidden. (Learned Skill)

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Develop Social & Emotional Skills

Social & Emotional Intelligence begins in the womb.

New families need support.



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Help families build resilience.



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Supporting New Parents: **Building Parental Self-Esteem**

- Am I doing this right?
- Compliment parents
- Build a team: "WE" can together

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Supporting New Parents: **Encourage Social Interaction / Connections**

- Support interactions
- Asking questions of other parents
- Seeing parenting in action

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Building Trust

Childcare Staff & Family Relationship

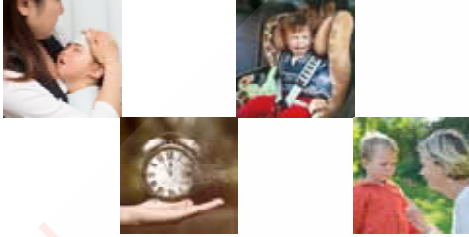
Orientation process

Build trust before & during care

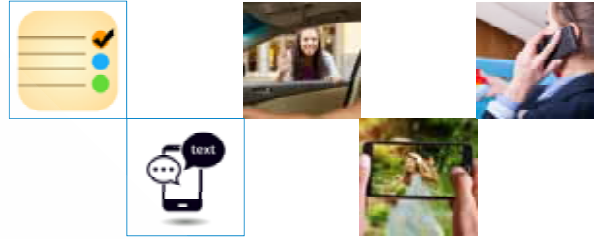


Communicate program policies

Communicate clearly about policies before enrollment and on-going as helpful



Daily Communication



Communication Child Development

Family conferences
Home visits



Keep lines of communication strong

Respond to complaints
Focus on family's perspective
Acknowledge the parents' deep emotions



“I know this is a very important conversation and I want to talk with you in greater depth but I have other children to attend to at this time---can we schedule a time to talk when I can give you my full attention.”

“Thank you for bringing your concern to my attention, let me talk to... and get more information so I can better address this issue.”

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More Communication Tips

Reach Out to All

- Make parents feel welcome
- Use Active Listening skills
- Communicate clearly
- Follow-up on issues
- Ask HOW questions
- Reach to ALL family members

