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Relationships with Children & Families

Building relationships with children and their families is at the heart of early childhood education. To be successful, we must be willing to take the time to have meaningful conversations with parents. When building lasting, genuine connections, it is important to go beyond the basics. We want families to know their child is more than just a name on our roster. Showing genuine interest in the families we serve creates a sense of belonging for them and builds partnerships that last for years to come.

When it comes right down to it, parents want to know that we value, appreciate, and support their child's learning just as much as they do. Seeking opportunities to create meaningful, honest relationships is the first step in building a foundation of trust between the classroom and the home. Listening and valuing the family perspective takes time, patience, and persistence. But in the end, the rewards are endless.

Attached you will find the "Connecting with Families" resource. Our hope is that this brief handout is more than just tips and strategies, but rather, a starting point for beginning to build more meaningful connections with the families you serve.

Take care and thank you for all you do!

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