




## Partnering with Success: Stories from Early Childhood Professionals and Family Engagement

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## Family Engagement

- The importance of strategies that equitably enhance relationships, flow of communication and planning of supports for children between families and early childhood professionals has been elevated during turbulent times
- Intentional identification of effective practices and systems that support their maintenance is a worthy goal



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## Strengthening Connections with Families

How do you make connections with families?

How do you do this during the physical distance restrictions?

What have you learned from families?



## Creating and Maintaining Lines of Communication

What is your protocol or routine when introducing yourself to families and/or introducing a family to your program?

How has that changed in 2020?

How do you create opportunities for a family to share with you (bi-directional communication)?



## Considering Family Diversity and Equity

How do you connect with ALL families considering diverse learners, cultures, language, accessibility, work schedules, families who are immigrants, families of color, etc.?

How do you get to know family's culture, traditions, languages, etc.?



## Effective Ways to Support the Reduction of Challenging Behavior

What have you found effective when partnering with families who have children with persistent challenging behavior?



## Needs Assessments and Effective Strategies

Have you found something that has been working well with you and the families?



What have you found that can be effective?

How can you help or what strategies have you been able to use?



## Questions?


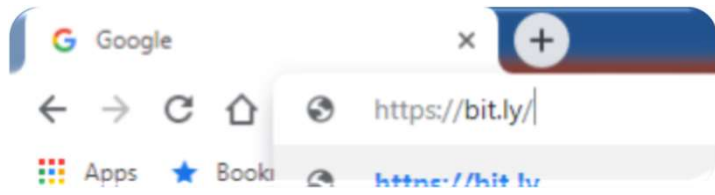
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## Survey and Certificate

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