



Responsive Caregiving: The Foundation of Quality Infant and Toddler Care

The last presenter was awesome. She really knew what she was talking about. I picked up some great ideals and tips. Thank you
Responsive = present, nurturing and respectful
video can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_5u8-QSh6A
That's an excellent point...the staff relationships are as important as the staff child relationships
Nice
If you liked that video check it out and SO MUCH MORE here: http://developingchild.harvard.edu/key_concepts/serve_and_return/
individualized care plans!!!! they are the best
I wonder how many programs have anything about relationships and the expectations associated with that in their job descriptions.
Learn more about hiring "Relationship Ready Staff" here: http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/comp/program-design/InterviewingStra.htm
Powerful words
Emily thanks for the reference to hiring relationship ready staff!
This page on the ECLKC has some fantastic resources on observation! http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/ehsnrc/cde/saeo/screening.html
Meaningful interactions are key
good stuff
i like that phrase, quieting the static
Such a key point
How do you stay present?
"Quiet the static"...I like it!
deep breathe and focus on room only
Mindfulness
I like the phrase also...
home is left home and work is left at work
yes i liked that quiet the static! never heard that before
I can relate to that.
Yes I use to do it by getting there early and prepping the room
Present = undivided attention
especially in the world we live in it is so easy NOT to be present!
so right, your attention should be on the child.
be mindful
Early preparation is a good one
sit on their level, watch, listen, smile
Collect yourself before interacting
We have to choose to slow down in spite of all the distractions and busy-ness of the world and CELEBRATE this other life right next to ours!
I plan out specific activities daily to ensure I can connect with each child that day.
Early preparation I helps to set atmosphere for the day.



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Wish there was a like button for comments!
Great point Donna about being present.
So many great strategies and techniques for being present and connecting!
Thanks, Nancy. I had to work hard on planning and learning each child's personality.
routines are so much a part of the day in an infant and toddler room
I wish my son's teacher could listen to this, she has horrible communication skills.
True, Nancy. That especially addresses the necessity for a lopt of talking. Good point.
Wait time is critical!!
I've had to express this sentiment to co-workers, it's a gentle checking,I usually say something like, "Where ya at?" We call it Monkey Brain around here :)
facial expressions
Sizzy - Please address this with you son's teacher's supervisor. Perhaps she can make sure that some training occurs.
This training should be a requirement in every child care facility and for parents
CAR is available through Washington Learning Systems and the Hanen Center in Toronto Canada.
I agree. Working on it!
Parent ED would be so good
Similar to PITC's Acknowledge, Ask and Adapt
Yes I agree. This should be a requirement for all family child home day care providers.
parents should be in the same page..
I agree with you Linda P. - should be a requirement
yes we do that to adults
Love the story Donna,makes such a great connection.
not sure I am responsive to her anecdote about talking to toddlers about how her husband does not want to hear her complain. seems like adult directed conversation--not child directed.
i agree with you heather, more meaningful conversation may be better suited for her husband
Yes give them time
Adorable! She is ready tostart talking
interacted with the baby
she responded to her sounds
Repeat the child's sounds
She responded and matched the child's tone
she repeated what the child said
verbally responded every time the child verbalized
listened and responded
Paid strict attention to the baby
She talked with the baby back and forth
me to Kristy lol I think it was more on just being able to talk to infants and even talking having them hear language and see facial expressions is always good..
she initiated talk



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Awe! What a cutie :)
she was talking
She kept talking
responded to child
she was interacting with the baby
Her comments back to the baby
repeated the sounds
mimicked back to baby
engaged in conversation
I'm guessing that comment came out something like this "your pop pop is wondering where I am and why the laundry's not done, but I'm having such a good time with you I don't care about the laundry... yada, yada, yada
mirroring
conversating
She was responding to the child's vocalizations.
talking with baby
she was engaging in the conversation
She talked and followed children's lead
She noticed the cues and responded to child
She was responding to her
follow child lead in the conversation
Asked a question and waited for the baby's response
matched affect
listened and responded
she was paying attention
Interacting with the child
and she waited for respond
face to face
she waited
It is so important to talk to children, the more they hear and see. The better communicators they become.
she was attentive
was on children's eye level
It is so important to talk to children, the more they hear and see. The better communicators they become.
she did even exchanges to let the child know she was interacting
she matched child emotion
Listening and Looking at the child,
During my time in the infant room of my program, I usually like to talk about the infant's physical appearances during feeding time. Since during that time they are looking at you, I like to tell them about their eyes, hair, facial features, etc.



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The teacher matched the child's affect
this conversation piece would also be great to use in parent meetings :)
Thanks, Kristy. I use that time too to gather my observations. Its a double win for me. I develop a relationship and gain knowledge for my paperwork aspect of caregiving.
I was thinking the same thing Trinity. I like that. Might mention that to our staff for ideas during routine time.
I like how the teacher was responding using simple language instead of baby talk.
The teacher follow the child
Mary M. Absolutely use it for routines, diaper changes too.
I just wonder how many of those little ones have any other interactions like you are sharing with them, Trinity. Again, makes every moment unique for them and they are learning more about relationships and themselves as individuals.
Sizzy West, Me too, i think that when an adult use baby talk to communicate with a infant is not helping at all
yes, I also believe NO BABY TALK
Kristy, My program is great at parent trainings and we provide the role play to parents to hopefully extend the conversations at home as well.
it doesnt necessarily matter that they arent using intelligible words because they are learning to pause socially in conversation
yes, they start talking funny because we have been talking funny to them.. and that is what they learn..
NO BABY TALK!
open-ended QUESTIONS ARE CRITICAL
Actually, babyese helps babies figure out the patterns of language
Mrs. Jackson Everything she is talking about you have share with us. Especially NO Baby Talk
The teacher and parent must talk to the baby just talk to toddler.
it is true that using certain types of parentese can help the child learn home language inflection
Not enough conversation
That's not babytalk in terms of silly words but extending vowels, hitting nouns harder, etc.
feels un important
I love open-ended questions with the preschoolers!
used to drive me nuts when a family member used to put an "ie" on almost every word when talking to her children. She is a middle school teacher now...
I love it!
I just love Amanda Perez!
Amanda Perez Rocks!!
feels like the provider cared about what the child was doing
Encouraging conversation
The latter was stronger.
The thick
Much better. thick conversation extends learning



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teacher showed a lot more interest, and asked more open-ended questions
Teacher more enthusiastic second time!
thick conversation/a lot of back and forth questions
The child seemed to feel important
Thick conversations makes the child feel important
The teacher helped the child think about what she did, and helped her put her actions into words.
it built up to a more substantial learning
The second one let us know what the child knows
i have worked with young children for a long time and i still have to remind myself to use something more detailed than "good job"
its whats easy!
great coversation
The more conversation with the child the more language they develop.
Amanda is such an articulate, great speaker - looking forward to her parent plenary session!
Reflects the type of conversations we would love children and families to engage in all the time!
math concepts and vocabulary
it is better to give a targeted specific bit of praise rather than praise the whole project.
social skills
cognitive
language/cognitive skills.
The child is able to distinguish sizes.
language/literacy
I know ciara! but it is so much more valuable to give that specific info to the child about what they are doing successfully
Without out thicker conversations we can miss what a child truly knows or can do.
Scaffolding taking it to another level.
i like the terminology of thick and thin
I try everyday to explain to each child why I am proud of them and be very specific
PARENTS WOULD LIKE THAT TOO.
yes Jerry I think its just as important to connect it back to home in parent education
they are there first teacher
I can help teach the teachers these concepts.
Most people appreciate hearing that someone notices what they are doing. In doing so with a young child, you help create a connection. The child will be more willing to interact & share.
A excellent way to engage parents
Leaders need to have their staff watch your training
Parent need to come in help out with the teacher and share information what they would the child to learn in school and home.
Cassandra I am not sure if you guys have parent meetings but that is a great opportunities to connect with families or have parent-teacher meetings discussing where there child is at developmentally those are good opportunities



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Great class!!!!
Thank you it was GREAT
THANKS YOU, Great presentation
Great Session
great session
very informative!!
Enjoyed!
Yes, very good information.
Yes, Donna is so personable. This was a TRULY INTERACTIVE session.
enjoyed the presentation and the presenter was great
great sessions today
good information
As Donna said earlier " We need to hire people that have these characteristic and attributes."
It is a good reminder of being present in the communication aspect of caregiving
Thank You!
Great session!
Thank you, Great Information!
love the handouts thank you so much!
Great information to share with home visitors and parents in the program.
It is a team approach.
Great information
Teamwork is very essential in this field.
Yes Yes!! Our babies, Our program!
I'm going to share this information on my next Teacher meeting:)
Thanks for the handouts and suggestions!
I am a home visitor. I've enjoyed and learned a lot.
Very very good information
The handouts have great tips...
Great session good tips
Thank you
Awesome Sessions! Thank you ~
Enjoyed the session, just a few issues with streaming, but was able to get it back each time.
Great information, great tips for h.e's
Great info. As EHS/PBC coach I feel I have a lot of info that I can share with teachers.
We need more critical thinking and problem solving conversations with our children. Thanks!
I cant wait to share this wonderful new information with the rest of the teachers!
Great Job Donna!
This was a great learning experience for me I learned a lot of new things!
Wonderful session!



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Thank you so much for the great sessions. I appreciate the transcript feature which aided me with the technical difficulties.
Donna Britt-you are a GREAT speaker. Thank you very much for sharing your knowledge with us.
Great Information to be better Educators
Great job, Ms. Donna Britt!!
Thank you so much Donna. Lots of good information to think about and take back to our staff.
Thank you. Great information.
Thanks for the transcript, very informative.
Wonderful Day One!!
Great info! Thanks!
Thank you. Very worth the while!
Excellent Presentation, Very informative. Thank you.
This was very informative! Thanks
Appreciate the information and refresher.
Thanks Jennifer! Great virtual learning experience!
Thank you, very interesting.
Thank you. Great information
Very Informative- thank you
thank you wonderful sessions
Great day one! Thank you!
it was great information, Thank you!
Great information!!!
Thank you for the online opportunity! Being able to view and participate from home is a much welcome format during a busy time.
Awesome!