



**When Concerns
Arise—Learning
from Families’
Experiences**

*Facilitator’s
Planning
Worksheet*



**1 hour,
35 total total**

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Learning Outcomes

- ◆ *Participants will consider strategies that families have identified as being effective when discussing concerns about a child’s development.*
- ◆ *Participants will identify family-centered, collaborative practices that provide information and referrals for resources and support.*

| Agenda | Length | Facilitator |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Introduction and Overview | 5 minutes | |
| Agree on Ground Rules | 5–10 minutes | |
| Enhancing Possibilities | 1 hour, 5 minutes | |
| View DVD: <i>Embrace Possibilities</i> | <i>20 minutes</i> | |
| Small-Group Discussion | <i>20 minutes</i> | |
| Large-Group Share-Back | <i>25 minutes</i> | |
| Wrap-Up | 5 minutes | |
| Reflections/Continuous Improvement | 10 minutes | |

Icon Key



Chart



Note



Handouts



DVD



Key Point

Facilitator Team

Name/Family Voice_____
Name/Early Care and Education Voice_____
Name/Early Intervention Voice

Presentation

Date/Time_____
Location_____
of Participants

What you will need:

**Equipment:**

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- LCD/DVD/Monitor

**DVD:**

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- Embrace Possibilities*

**Charting Equipment:**

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- Flip chart and markers
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- Masking tape or pins

**Handouts (English/Spanish):**

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- #1 Learning Outcomes
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- #2 Acknowledgements:
- Embrace Possibilities*
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- #3 Guided Viewing:
- Embrace Possibilities*

Important Considerations

It is especially important to have this session co-facilitated by a family member and a service provider so that both viewpoints can be represented. Family and service provider perspectives are important in providing personal examples to augment this session.

This session may evoke emotional reactions from the participants. It is important to create a safe environment so that everyone can participate fully and learn from this experience.

The *Embrace Possibilities* DVD and related activities for supporting service providers in working with families can be found in the *Including Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities* volume, "Session 4: Enhancing Staff's Comfort and Confidence." It is important that programs and communities create opportunities for reflective practice for service providers as they partner with families in these early years of their child's development.