

Step 1 Essential Trainings

Strengthening Families: The Protective Factors



Checklist of Practice

Always	Sometimes	Not Yet	Caregiver Strategies: What they look like in practice
			1. Learn the names of each parent whose child is in your care.
			2. Address parents by name at arrival and departure times.
			3. Invite and welcome parents to visit their child at any time throughout the day.
			4. Offer regular opportunities for families to socialize such as potlucks, celebrations, field trips, and special programs.
			5. Invite parents to share skills, talents, and cultural traditions with the classroom and overall program.
			6. Provide a comfortable space for families to interact and meet informally.
			7. Present information on parenting in a variety of ways: books, classes, discussion groups, take-home materials, and information campaigns.
			8. Make community resources that support children with special needs easily available.
			9. Provide information about children's physical, social, and emotional development to parents (Idaho's Early Learning eGuidelines, Zero to Three, Talaris).
			10. Encourage children to express their feelings through words, artwork, and dramatic play.
			11. Staff receive training on children's development and appropriate expectations.
			12. Recognize early signs of stress, crisis, and child abuse and neglect and know how to report concerns.
			13. Make information about respite care and/or emergency crisis services readily available.
			14. Post and discuss the five protective factors and their importance to quality early care throughout the program, among staff and parents.
			15. A written prevention policy is shared with parents and staff.

