

# Step 2 Essential Trainings

*Sharing Leadership, Partnering with Parents*



## Checklist of Practice

Always	Sometimes	Not Yet	Caregiver Strategies: What they look like in practice
			1. Connect with parents on a regular basis through an established communication system ( <i>i.e. orientation meeting, regular conferences, daily greetings and conversation, phone calls, text messages, social media, etc.</i> ).
			2. Create opportunities for parents to engage in conversation with each other.
			3. Respond to parents' ideas.
			4. Provide social events, so parents can get to know each other.
			5. Provide educational events, so parents can learn about parenting and child development.
			6. Encourage volunteerism, and effectively match parents' skills to appropriate volunteer opportunities.
			7. Offer opportunities for meaningful parental involvement, input, and leadership at times and locations that are convenient for parents.
			8. Clearly define the roles and expectations of parents involved in leadership activities and advocacy opportunities.
			9. Recognize and affirm the central role of parents in their child's life.
			10. Recognize and value parent contributions.
			11. Accept and support diverse family structures (single parents, grandparents, same sex parents).
			12. Work with parents to address their children's behavioral issues.
			13. Protect families' right to privacy by consciously maintaining confidentiality.
<i>Sharing leadership with parents creates more effective organizations and builds protective factors in families.</i>			