

Creating a Caring Community

Learning Activity

Community Reflection

Use the questions below to reflect on community and community of learners, such as classrooms and socialization groups. These reflections can happen on your own or in a small group of peers at your program.

What does the word “community” mean to you?

How do you know a group of children and adults have formed a community? What interactions, behaviors, materials, or practices show you are in a caring environment where all children and adults are valued members of the learning community?

What type of learning community do you want for your classroom, family child care, home visits or socialization groups? Describe features of the physical environment, relationships with families, interactions with children, and relationships among peers.

What specific practices, behaviors and actions will help create the caring community you envision? Consider practices for engaging families, arranging the physical environment, interacting with children, and promoting positive peer interactions.



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