

Gathering and Sharing Child Assessment Data Learning Activity: Wondering Together

Objective

The purpose of this activity is to reflect on effective questions and statements for conversations with families to learn about their perspectives on children's development and learning.

Instructions

Consider the importance of *wondering* alongside families and asking questions as a way to better understand their thoughts and feelings. Sharing observations about children's skills and activities can also be an effective start to conversations with families.

With a partner or in a small group, respond to the following questions. Use the space below each question to record your thoughts.

- 1. Here are example questions or statements an educator might use to wonder together with families. How does wondering and using questions and statements such as these help us better understand families' perspectives?
 - a. "Can you tell me more about how Gabe lets you know how he is feeling?"

b. "I notice that when you show Sasha the crinkling paper, she responds by looking at the paper. What are you thinking when this happens?"

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c. "I notice that when you hold lan toward you and talk to him, he looks ahead and is quiet. Is this how he usually responds?"

2. What types of questions have you asked families to invite them to share information?

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