



Relaxed

- Welcome the family (if meeting outside of the family's home environment).
- Initiate friendly conversation.
- Listen to understand.



Equal

- Start with the family's perspectives.
- Take the opportunity to understand the data together.
- Share strengths and be specific.
- Support parental competence.



Accessible

- Translate to the families' preferred languages.
- Have samples of work or assessment materials.
- Ask questions and check for understanding.
- Eliminate jargon.



Learning-Focused

- Focus on a child's strengths, characteristics, and development.
- Describe observations.
- Brainstorm together ways to support a child's learning at home and in the program.

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