





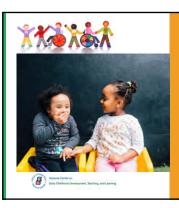


#### What Brings You Here?

- I am new to my position and need help understanding partnership agreements and MOUs
- I am not new, but effective partnerships are difficult to maintain
- Effective partnerships are a strength, and I would like to share my knowledge with others



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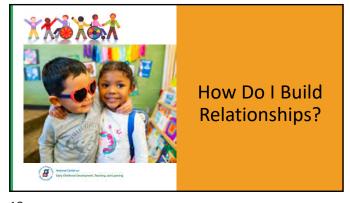
Why Are Partnerships Important?

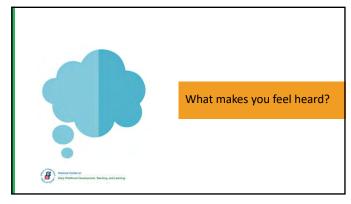
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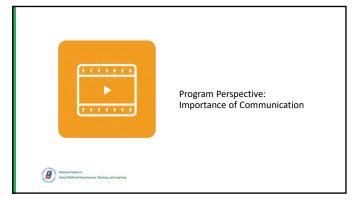
















"Each time a partner leaves, I feel like we have to start over. This is why the MOU has to be really clear and explicit.

At least with a strong MOU, you are probably starting from Step 2 rather than Step 1." – RIV DSC

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## Who?



To support productive agreements:

- Ensure representation across agencies
- Consider diverse perspectives and experiences
- Include people with decisionmaking authority

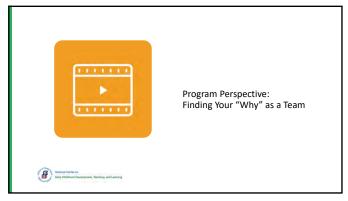
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# Why?

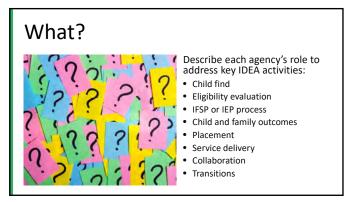


Collaborate to create a shared understanding:

- Benefits of formalized agreement
- Shared values
- Collective purpose







### Common MOU Components



- Purpose
- Program Overviews
- Shared Philosophy
- Areas of collaboration
- Agency Roles/Responsibilities
- Confidentiality
- Dispute Resolution
- Review and Amendments
- Definitions
- Signatures
- Appendices

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## When?



Ongoing activities should demonstrate dedication to keeping partnership strong:

- Ongoing, open dialogue
- Intentional collaboration
- Regular discussion of MOU implementation
- Conflict resolution
- Specific timelines for MOU review, revisions, and updates

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