

INCLUSION STRATEGIES & TOOLS

Setting Up For Success: Educator Response

What is the impact of educators' responses?

Secure relationships, caring attention and empathy are essential to fostering a positive climate.

Reflective Questions

What connection rituals do you use every day?

How do you connect with each child individually?

How do you show children that they are valued and listened to?

How do you build strong bonds with children?



Checklist



Create authentic connections every day

- ☐ Greet each child and their family individually, every day. (e.g., “Hello (name), how was your weekend?”)
- ☐ Use the 2x10 approach to build a bond with each child (2 minutes of individual connection for 10 consecutive days).

Establish a trusting relationship with each child by being consistent and present.

- ☐ Provide positive attention to all children in order to build a connection with each of them; to foster learning and motivate the repetition of desired behaviours. (e.g.: “Well done, you asked your friend for a turn with the blocks!”).
- ☐ Clearly communicate what the child needs do (desired behaviour) using a calm, neutral, and reassuring tone.
- ☐ Foster connections through shared activities (e.g., talking about experiences and interests, making positive comments about shared experiences).

Using empathy and understanding to respond to behaviours

- ☐ Recognize behaviour as a means of communication; respond with curiosity and care (e.g., offer an empathetic response to validate the child's feelings, wants, and needs).
- ☐ Create a climate of security and emotional support (e.g., co-regulate with the child).
- ☐ Model and encourage the expression of emotions.
- ☐ Teach and support children in resolving conflicts/problems.
- ☐ Listen carefully (e.g., to a child talking about their dog, a child expressing a feeling, a child showing through non-verbal language that things are not going well, etc.)