Responsive Caregiving Self-Assessment

Practices with Children in Your Care	Consistently	Sometimes	Seldom
Understand each child's unique characteristics.			
Recognize and respond to children's individualized cues.			
Tune into children's feelings and demonstrate empathy.			
Form trusting relationships with each and every child in your care.			
Model consistent positive affect.			
Demonstrate frequent smiling and laughter.			
Use daily routines that are individualized, unhurried, and predictable.			
Respond to the interests of the children.			
Repeat sounds of infant and expand on toddler communication.			
Use calm, gentle, respectful tone of voice, matching child's affect.			
Narrate what is happening to children during routines and activities.			
Use verbal cues to help children anticipate familiar routines and events.			
Support and encourage positive peer interactions through modeling and arrangement of the environment.			
Help children identify and express their emotions verbally and nonverbally.			
Support children's sense of competence by encouraging them to do things for themselves as they are developmentally ready.			
Practices with Families of Children in Your Care	**Consistently**	**Sometimes**	**Seldom**
Solicit family input with on-going, open communication opportunities.			
Show respect and support for each and every family's unique culture and home language.			
Collaborate with families to best meet their children's needs.			
Demonstrate flexibility and genuine interest in family's perspectives.			

Professional Action(s): Identify your next steps to enhance Responsive Caregiving in your program.

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