

The service builds relationships and engages with its community.

Section 1. Early career educator



You must know

As an educator, it's really important to understand how to build relationships and engages with your community.

What Could Go Wrong If Educators Don't Do These Things?

1. Not Learning About Different Cultures:

Problem: If teachers don't make friends with people from different cultures in the neighbourhood, children might not learn about other ways of life. **Result:** Children might not understand or appreciate people who are different from them.

2. Staying Away from Fun Places: Problem:

If teachers don't go to cool places in the community, children might miss out on fun adventures. **Result:** Children might not have as much fun and won't learn as many exciting things.

3. Missing Out on Learning: Problem: If teachers don't talk to people who know interesting things, children might not learn new stuff. **Result:** Children might not discover new things and won't get smarter.

4. Feeling Left Out: Problem: If teachers don't talk to everyone in the neighbourhood, children from different backgrounds might feel like they don't belong. **Result:** Children might feel sad and not make friends easily.

5. Not Getting Help and Support: Problem: If teachers don't make friends with the neighbourhood, they might not get help when they need it. **Result:** Children might not have everything they need for school and activities.

6. Less Fun and Learning: Problem: If educators don't spend time with the neighbourhood, children might miss out on fun activities. **Result:** Children might not have as much fun and might not learn new things.

7. Losing Cultural Knowledge:

Problem: If teachers don't talk to families and others, they might forget important things about different cultures. **Result:** Children might not learn about different cultures, and everyone might not feel welcome.

8. Not Knowing About Fun Events:

Problem: If teachers don't tell families about fun things happening in the neighbourhood, children might miss out. **Result:** Children and families might miss out on exciting events and experiences.



You must practice

It's important that we understand how we create partnerships with families and community to support children's access, inclusion and participation.

To help with the problems mentioned earlier on the left side, let's take a look at some real-life examples for guidance.

6.2.3 is about making friends in your neighbourhood when you are a teacher for little children. It has two parts: making friends in your community and becoming good friends with them.

How to Make Things Better for Children's Learning?

1. Learning About Different Cultures: Make friends with people from different places. Ask them to teach you about their traditions and stories. Try cooking their yummy food and doing fun activities from their culture. This helps children learn about different cultures and be kind to everyone.

2. Going on Fun Excursions: Go on fun trips to cool places nearby. Take the children to parks, museums, and other cool spots. Let the children explore and have fun in their neighbourhood. This helps children learn about their neighbourhoods and its history.

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3. Never Miss Learning: Partner with experts and cool places in your neighbourhood. Have them teach the children cool stuff through fun workshops. This helps children learn new things and love learning. Experts could be a working in a business close by who could demonstrate and teach children things like how a fridge works, or how to fix a car.

4. Everyone Belongs: Make sure children from all backgrounds feel welcome. Encourage families from different places to share their traditions. Put up things from different cultures so everyone feels valued. This helps children make friends and feel good about themselves.

5. Building Trust: Keep talking to your neighbourhood friends. Have meetings and events where families can talk to you. This makes everyone trust you and want to help. Then you can get help and stuff you need for service.

6. Be Part of the Community: Join local events and help your community. Clean up, give to charity, and go to fun local events. Show you care about your neighbourhoods. This makes everyone happy and want to be your friend.

7. Know Different Cultures: Keep learning about different cultures. Go to classes and workshops to be good at it. Ask families and friends to help you learn. This helps you teach children about different cultures.

8. Don't Miss Fun Events: Keep a calendar of fun things happening nearby. Share it with families so they can join. This makes everyone feel part of the community and have fun together.

After reading these points, which one(s) do you think you doing well? Describe your practice in detail.

After reading these points, which one(s) do you think you need to work on? Describe how you could improve your practice.