

# HOW TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND CAREGIVERS



The key to communicating with your child's teachers and caregivers is to form a partnership. The goal is to work together in the best interest of your child.

- Think of your child's **teachers and caregivers as allies** in his/her development.
- Keep the **lines of communication open**. Take the lead in beginning conversations and sharing information.
- **Ask questions, share concerns, and raise issues** when they first develop.
- Keep teachers and caregivers **informed about unusual things** in your child's life, such as sleep problems, family illness, divorce, etc.
- Remember that your child's teachers and caregivers have their own busy lives and challenges. **Be kind and respectful** to each other.
- **Work to solve problems** together by planning solutions you can use both at home, in school, and in child care.
- Let your child know you are **operating as a team** with their teachers and caregivers.
- Expect to discuss both your child's **positive and negative behaviors**.
- Remember: **No child is perfect!**