Professionalism: Creating a Climate of Trust, Respect, and Safety

Use the following questions to interview a coworker you admire to help you learn more about the values and philosophy of an early-childhood professional.

1. In your daily work, what are some things you do to earn respect and trust from families and other staff members?

2. What professional behaviors have helped you maintain families’ and other staff members’ respect and trust?

3. How have you created a safe environment for family members and other staff to speak honestly about concerns and issues?

4. What advice do you have for becoming a professional preschool staff member?

5. What resources have you found helpful in maintaining a trusting, respectful, and safe working environment?