Defining What It Means to Be “Professional”

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Use the following characteristics to help you write a brief definition of a professional. Think about how your role as a family child care provider meets your definition of a professional.

Professionals:
1. Are knowledgeable in their field.
2. Are experienced in their field.
3. Are capable and skilled.
4. Take their work seriously.
5. Are ready to learn more and develop further in their field.

Write your own definition of a professional below.

How do you demonstrate professional behaviors each day as you care for children in your home?