Professionalism and Social Media

Smartphones and social media websites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Pinterest have become a way of life for many of us. This technology has also made its way into early care and education programs and family child care homes. Read the article, Smartphones and Social Media: Ethical Implications for Educators. After reading the article reflect on the following questions:

1. What is your policy on the use of smartphones and social media sites in your family child care setting? Is your policy clearly written in the handbook for families?

2. What issues of confidentiality might arise with the use of social media that involve the children and families you serve?

3. What role does professionalism play in the use of social media in your role as a family child care provider?

4. How do you communicate with the children’s families about your policy on the use of social media?