



Culturally Responsive Principles

<p>Respect: Exploring, validating and honoring the cultural worldview of the children and adults we serve by approaching service planning as a collaborative process.</p>	<p>Co-Responsibility: Acknowledging that each one of us has the power to change our families, our communities and ourselves; recognizing that children are the most creative and powerful catalysts for that change.</p>
<p>Value Diversity: Understanding that we are all shaped and molded by our experiences and our culture and recognizing that these different perspectives allow more effective solutions for common problems.</p>	<p>Exercise Self-Reflection: Slowing down and noticing our thoughts as a tool for personal growth and change that allows us to refocus on the needs of the children and families instead of being distracted by our own biases.</p>
<p>Recognize the Dynamics of Power and Privilege: Considering cultures, systems, and roles one represents when engaging with families and advocating for the children and others who have less power.</p>	<p>Be Curious: Demonstrating a willingness to learn and explore others' culture by approaching families and children with the sense of wonder and possibility of a child.</p>

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