

An Essential Program Practice for **Infant and Toddler Relationship-Based Care**



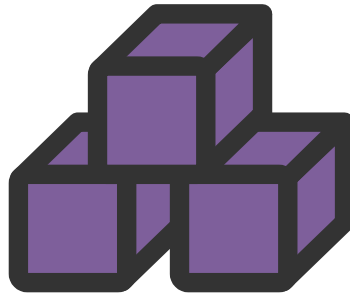
CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CARE

is the practice of caring for children from culturally diverse families in ways that are consistent with their home practices and values.

Why is Culturally Responsive Care important?

- Improves quality of care and education by honoring diversity
- Enhances the infant's ability to trust and seek support
- Strengthens relationships with families so they become partners in care
- Makes it easier for families to share beliefs, rituals, and routines that are valued in their home cultures

CULTURE
is the fundamental
building block of
IDENTITY



How do I implement in my program?

- Implement written guidance within your program, such as staff and family handbooks
- Create job descriptions that include expectations for culturally responsive care practices, such as:
 - Examining one's own values and beliefs
 - Forming relationships with families
 - Learning about home cultures and caregiving routines
 - Weaving home care experiences into daily practice
- Attend, create, or advocate for professional development about culturally responsive caregiving practices
- Support ongoing conversations with families and caregivers about culture and infant and toddler development
- Use an intentional review process to continually strengthen culturally responsive care

Positive Child Outcomes



Better understanding of our world



Identity, sense of belonging, and cultural connection



Supports language development



Respect for other cultures

Learn More!

Culturally Responsive Care

<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/infant-toddler-resource-guide/culturally-responsive-care>

Source

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