



Beyond Bubbles and Blocks:

Tips for MA EI Home Visitors



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“The single most important factor in ensuring a positive assessment experience is the presence of a strong, collaborative relationship between specialist and family members” –Miller

Did you know?

Early Intervention is most successful when parents carry over intervention strategies during the week. Many parents want to carry over suggestions and strategies but are not sure how. They do not always understand what we are doing, how they can do it, or the importance of practicing the skill or strategy.

Visit:

<http://veipd.org/earlyintervention/6-key-ideas-for-joint-planning-with-parents/> for some ideas on how to better work with parents so they feel more informed and educated on how to follow through on suggestions and strategies. These tips will not only strengthen your practice they will help Early Intervention children/families achieve their IFSP outcomes.

Evaluation/ Assessment tip

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When going out to do an evaluation make sure the whole team knows the parent's name before walking into the home. Using parents', caregivers', and teachers' names is not only respectful, it will help you build rapport and add to the success of your assessment. The results will surprise you!

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