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# Spotlight on Relationships and Family Partnership

**SUBJECT:** *Relationships Grow Through Everyday Moments*

**Relationships are the foundation of all learning and development**—and every interaction is a chance to strengthen them. When we help parents see the meaning in these small moments, we’re supporting both connection and confidence.

## LOOK FOR:

- Warm, responsive moments between the parent and child—eye contact, smiles, soothing touch, shared laughter
- Ways parents show care that reflect their culture, routines, or values.
- Signs that the parent feels connected—or times they might feel withdrawn, distracted, or low in energy
- How the parent notices and responds—do they pause, soften their voice, or offer comfort?



## PRACTICE TIP:

During your next visit, highlight strengths and invite reflection. You might say: “I noticed how he relaxed when you started singing—that seems to really calm him. What do you think helps him feel most secure?” Or “You have such a warm way of connecting with her. What are some of your favorite moments together during the day?”

These questions encourage parents to reflect on their relationship with their child and recognize their caregiving strengths. If a parent seems sad or tired, gently open space for conversation: “Sometimes caring for little ones can feel overwhelming. How have you been feeling lately?”



**RESOURCE:** Take a look at [Pyramid Model Early Intervention Checklist](#) for additional ideas to promote partnership with families.