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Resource: [Tips for Child Care Providers to Communicate with Parents Concerns about Children's Development](http://www.extension.org/pages/28228/tips-for-child-care-providers-to-communicate-with-parents-concerns-about-childrens-development#VW_efc9Viko)

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

- What are some considerations to keep in mind when discussing concerns with families?
- What types of open-ended questions can teachers/providers use to engage families in conversation?
- What is the teacher's/provider's role in supporting families?
- Describe the range of reactions that families might experience. What is the teacher's/provider's role in supporting families during the evaluation process?

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- What are some tips from this article that you might use to support families throughout the evaluation process?
- What resources might you provide to families to support them during or after a diagnostic evaluation?

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How can teachers/providers use these milestones to guide their observations of children in their programs?
- How can teachers/providers use this document with families?
- How can teachers/providers use this document as they implement their existing screening and assessment tools?

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- How can you use this list to identify particular areas of concern for children in your care?
- What children in your group might require observations that are more targeted?
- How can teachers/providers take into consideration information that families share with them when observing children in their early learning setting?