



Sharing your Goals and Expectations for your Child

Below are steps to guide you through the process of sharing the expectations you have for your child with a teacher or provider.



1. Make an appointment - this sets the stage for the conversation.
2. Organize your thoughts prior to the meeting. You can make a short list of your goals and expectations.
3. Set expectations:
 - a. Communicate effectively - Identify your expectations and why they are important to you.
 - b. Be specific, clear, and provide examples.
 - c. Keep in mind that you are establishing the groundwork for your relationship and communication style.
4. Ask for feedback after you have communicated your thoughts. Be a good listener and ask for clarification. Effective communication is two-way.
5. If the feedback was not what you were anticipating, have a conversation to better understand. Discuss your take-away from the conversation.
6. Next steps:
 - a. Are we in agreement or do we need a plan?
 - b. What are the next steps?
 - c. Who will initiate the next steps?
 - d. Do we need to meet again? If so, when?