

PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES THROUGH SENSITIVE CONVERSATIONS

Community-based early childhood providers play an essential role in identifying developmental concerns and connecting families with early intervention and special education services. This no-cost, virtual training provides practical strategies for discussing developmental or behavioral concerns with families in ways that build trust and strengthen partnerships. Participants will explore strengths-based communication, culturally and linguistically responsive practices, and approaches for navigating sensitive conversations with empathy and respect. Learn how to share objective observations, respond to family emotions, and support families in understanding referral and evaluation options.

What You'll Learn

- Strengths-based communication strategies for sharing developmental concerns with families using objective observations, respectful language, and a collaborative approach.
- Culturally and linguistically responsive practices that honor family perspectives, build trust, and support sensitive conversations.
- Practical strategies for navigating difficult conversations, responding to family emotions, and connecting families with appropriate referral and evaluation resources.

Who Should Attend

- Community-based child care and preschool providers
- Family child care providers and child care professionals
- Head Start and Early Head Start staff
- California State Preschool Program (CSPP) providers
- Early childhood program directors and administrators
- Other community-based early childhood professionals who support Child Find efforts for children from birth through age five



**Wednesday,
November 4, 2026**

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Register

<https://c-vusd-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/FL7Ckm3hRI6n3sChttwpmw#/registration>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to join the session.

Closed captioning is available via Zoom.

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