Teacher Connection Builder

CAMS for Early Childhood • Set Kids Up for Success

Small moments of connection can build trust, belonging, and cooperation throughout the day.

5-Minute Connection Ideas

- Follow the child's lead in play
- Read one book together
- Ask about a favorite thing
- Sing a familiar song
- Notice and describe what the child is doing
- Invite the child to help with a real classroom job

Connection Questions

- “What should we build?”
- “Show me your favorite part.”
- “What do you think will happen next?”
- “What makes you feel happy?”
- “Who would you like to play with?”

For Children Who Are Harder to Reach

Start small. Offer predictable attention, notice strengths, avoid forcing interaction, and look for interests that can become bridges to connection.

Team Connection

Share one positive observation about a child with a coworker or family member. Positive information is part of communication too.

“Children learn best when they feel seen, safe, and connected.”

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