



Seeing Eye to Eye?

Problems between parents and providers often occur as a result of differences in their point of view regarding children and their day-to-day activities.

Learning about the beliefs, opinions, and perceptions of the other person can lead to a better relationship.

Ask yourself & your parents the following questions:

1. When and how much should children eat?
2. What should happen when a child does not follow the rules?
3. Rest for children should be _____.
4. Inside play for children should be _____.
5. What children need most is _____.
6. Children should never _____.

Rate the importance of the following statements regarding children's learning on a scale of 1-5:

(1=not important at all, 3=somewhat important, 5=extremely important)

1. Following Directions _____
2. Using Eating Utensils _____
3. Getting Along with Others _____
4. Letters and Numbers _____
5. Singing Songs _____
6. Listening to Story Books _____

Share your answers

with each other. Discuss the similarities and differences. This provides an excellent opportunity to make plans to address conflicting views before they become a problem.

For more information contact:



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