

Trying
to get it right

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Trying Together supports high-quality care and education for young children by providing advocacy, community resources, and professional growth opportunities for the needs and rights of children, their families, and the individuals who interact with them.



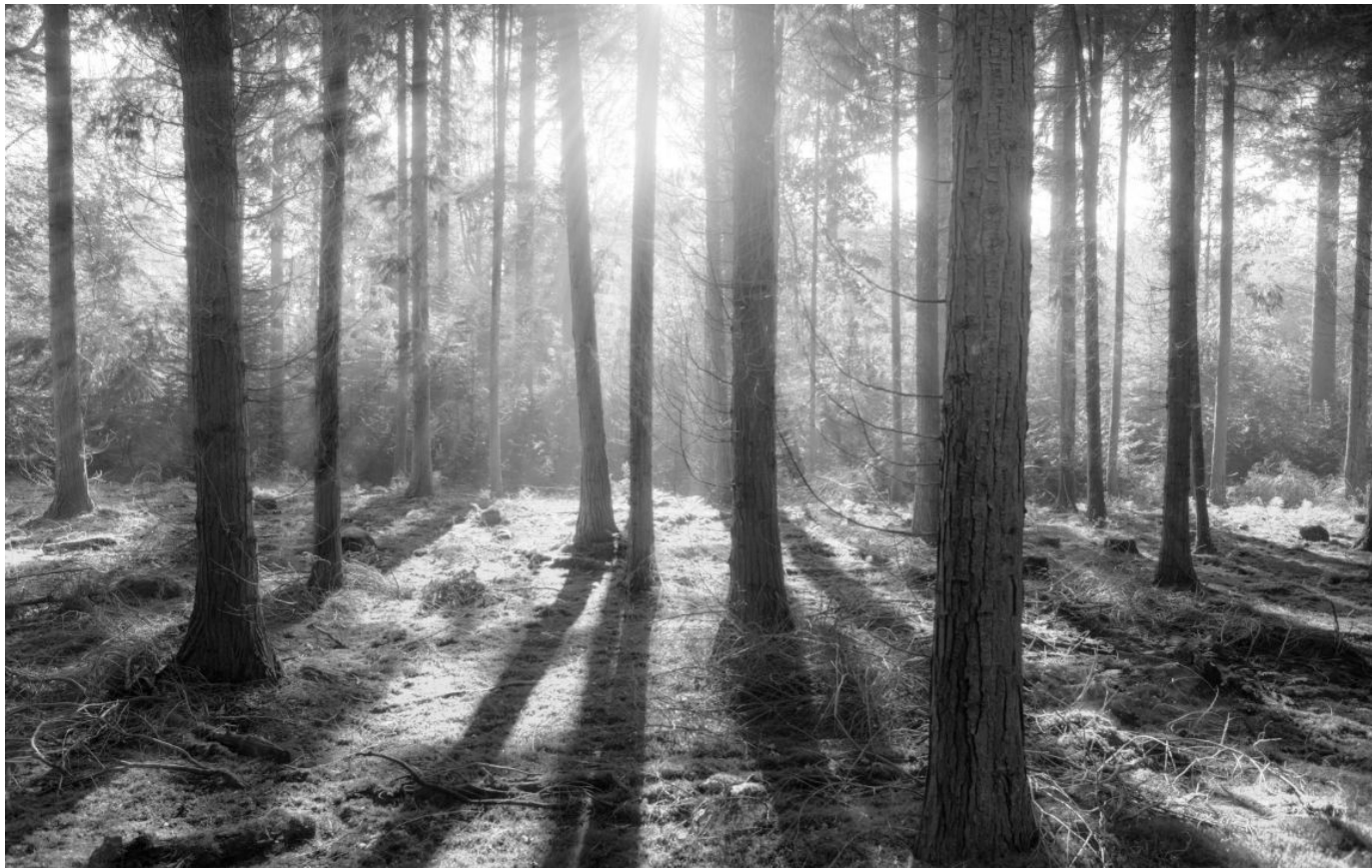
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Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC) Region 5 provides a single point-of-contact for Allegheny County families, early learning service providers, and communities to gain information and access services that support high-quality child care and early learning programs.

Everyday Interactions Matter: Noticing the Simple and Ordinary

Learning Objectives:

- Observe video footage of children and their caregivers in authentic settings and describe positive interactions.
- Recognize moments of connecting, sharing, growing and belonging in everyday moments.

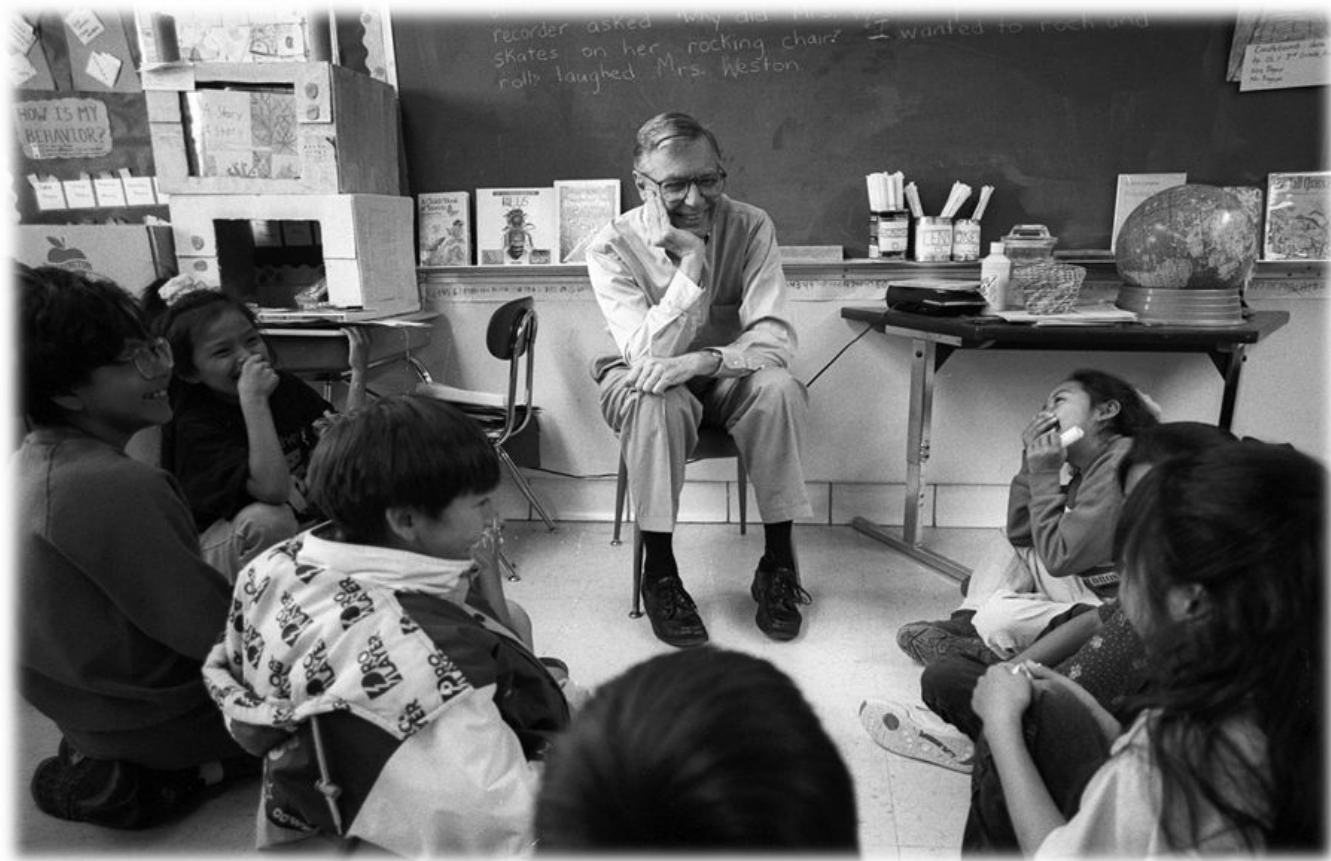


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Credit: HundrED.org



**Learn through
relationships.**

**Grow on the
inside.**

**Give meaning to
technology.**



**Deep and
simple is far
more essential
than shallow
and complex.**



What is deep and simple in our work with children?



Credit: unicef.org



Dr. Junlei Li

**Saul Zaentz Senior Lecturer
of
Early Childhood Education
at the
Harvard Graduate
School of Education**





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Drug Facts

Active Ingredient

Sodium
monofluorophosphate 0.76%

Purpose

Anti-Cavity Toothpaste

Use: Helps prevent against cavities

Warnings: Keep out of reach of children under 6 years of age. If you accidentally swallow more than used for brushing, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center immediately.

Drug Facts (continued)

pea sized amount in children under 6. Supervise children's brushing until good habits are established. Children under 2 yrs.: ask a dentist

Inactive Ingredients: Sorbitol, Silica, Water, Sodium Lauryl Sulfate, Flavor, DFC 33, Mica, Sodium Carboxymethyl Cellulose, Saccharin, Trisodium Phosphate, FD&C Blue No. 1, Calcium Glycerophosphate







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“Resources and environmental factors are useful only when they enrich and empower the growth of human interactions between children and adults.”

– Dr. Junlei Li

“Human relationships are primary in all of living. When the gusty winds blow and shake our lives, if we know that people care about us, we may bend with the wind...but we won’t break.”

– Fred Rogers

Supportive Relationships Strengthen the Foundations of Resilience

Regardless of the type of adversity, the single most common finding is that children who develop resilience have had at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult.

Center on the Developing Child  HARVARD UNIVERSITY



**What makes up our
relationships?**

**What does it mean
to interact?**



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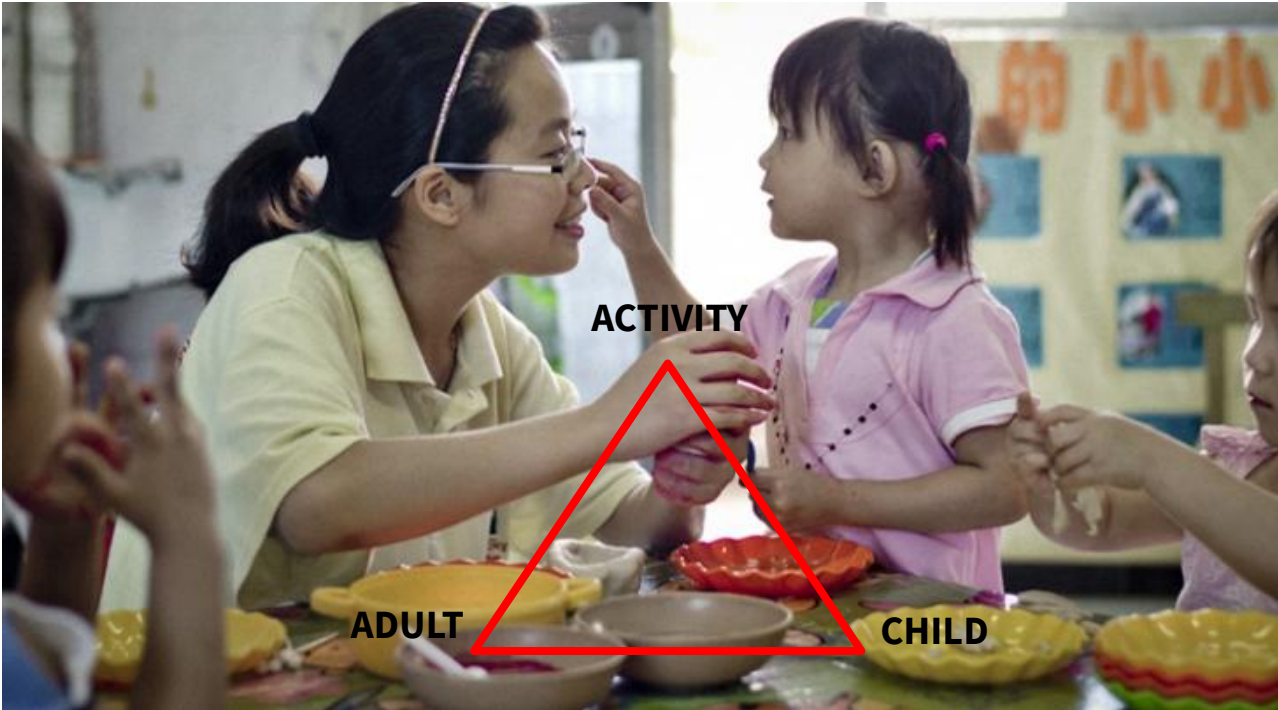
What does it mean to have a good child-adult interaction?

How do you know when
you have one?



Break Time





Simple Interactions Tool



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positive or appropriate
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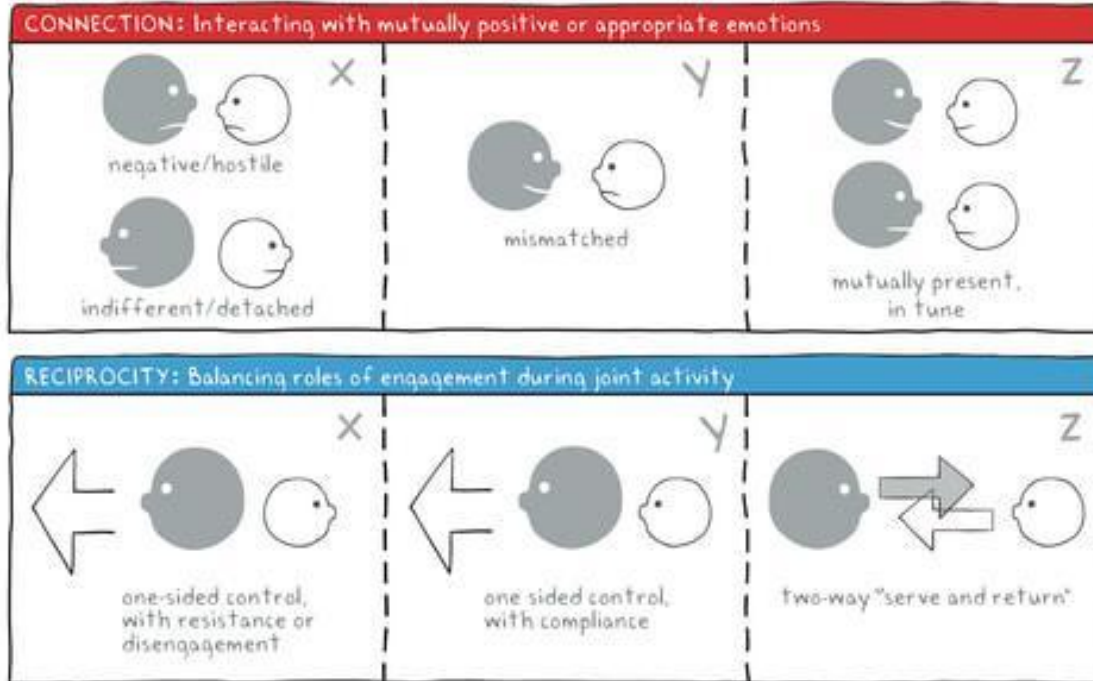


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SIMPLE INTERACTIONS TOOL

Noticing and Appreciating Human Interactions Across Developmental Settings



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Inviting and involving ALL



Scaffolding and
fading



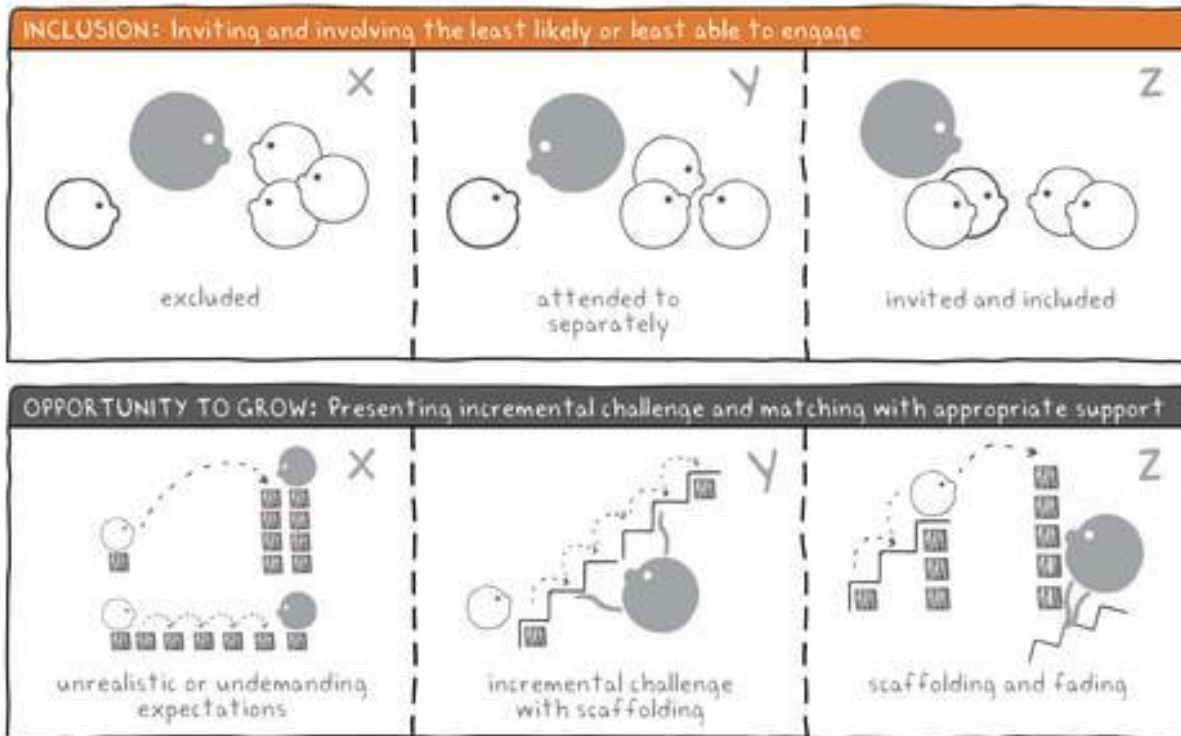


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Resources

- Everyday Interactions Matter <https://www.everydayinteractions.org/>
- Simple Interactions Tool <https://www.simpleinteractions.org/the-si-tool.html>
- Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University Study on *Resilience*.
<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/resilience/>
- *The Toothpaste Theory of Child Development*. Dr. Junlei Li.
<https://www.fredrogerscenter.org/2015/04/the-toothpaste-theory-of-child-development/>
- *Caring for Infants and Toddlers while Wearing Face Coverings*. Q-CCIIT.
<https://www.mathematica.org/toolkits/q-cciit>

More Resources from Trying Together

Allegheny Child Care - www.alleghenychildcare.org

Early Learning Resource Center Region 5 - elrc5.alleghenycounty.us

The Homewood Early Learning Hub & Family Center -
www.tryingtogether.org/community-resources/hub-and-family-center

Developmentally Appropriate Parenting (DAP) Series -
<https://tryingtogether.org/parenting-resources/>

Share Your Feedback!

Fill out this survey to receive DAP
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