



# Coaching: A Partnership to Support Children and Families



Caregivers and providers use meaningful conversations to form a partnership to promote a child's learning and development. Both have key roles and use their knowledge to focus on what is important to caregivers within everyday activities and routines. During coaching, caregivers and providers:

**BEGIN AND END VISITS WITH A SHARED PLAN**

Caregivers voice concerns, share ideas for what they would like to see and agree on a plan

Providers ask questions and confirm thoughts and ideas to support caregivers' plans

**OBSERVE EACH OTHER AND TRY NEW IDEAS**

Caregivers show what the family/child has been working on and they explore and practice new ideas

Providers watch, listen and offer support to caregivers while they try new ideas and learn strategies

**THINK, PROBLEM-SOLVE AND LEARN**

Caregivers ask and answer questions, share their thoughts and discuss next steps

Providers ask questions, listen, share information and acknowledge caregivers' thoughts and ideas