

5 Guidelines for Effective Teaching

Through the decisions they make, excellent teachers translate the DAP* framework into high-quality experiences for children. These guidelines address five key aspects of the teacher's role:

Creating a caring community of learners ▶ 01

Teaching to enhance development and learning ▶ 02

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Establishing reciprocal relationships with families

Planning curriculum to achieve important goals
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04 ◀ Assessing children's development and learning

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Let's think of these guidelines as five points on a star—a "mariner's star" to guide our journey to help children learn best. Each point of the star is a vital part of good practice in early care and education. None can be left out or shortchanged without seriously weakening the whole.

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* DAP = Developmentally Appropriate Practice