

## FIVE PRINCIPLES FOR CREATING A DEMOCRATIC CLIMATE OF SUPPORT

1

Share power among educators/teachers and the children

- Listen to the children's instructions.
- Participate in the children's games and follow the rules they invent.
- Learn from the children.
- Let go of control by deliberately transferring it to the children.

2

Showcase the children's skills and strengths

- Learn the children's areas of interest.
- Analyze situations from the children's perspective.
- Inform parents and staff of the children's areas of interest.
- Plan activities based on the children's strengths and areas of interest.

3

Establish genuine relationships with the children

- Share interests with the children.
- React to the children's areas of interest by paying attention to them.
- Provide specific feedback to the children.
- Ask genuine questions and give sincere answers.

4

Support the children's play

- Observe and understand the complexity of their games.
- Have fun with the children.

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Use a problem-solving approach to deal with conflicts

- Address interpersonal conflicts calmly and recognize the children's feelings.
- Gather information and reformulate the issue.
- Support the children's search for, choice of and application of a solution.