

# Collaborate With Families, Cultivate Outcomes

Family-Centered Practice (FCP) is a particular set of beliefs, principles, values and practices for supporting and strengthening family capacity to enhance and promote child development and learning (Dunst, 2002).



## Why FCP?

Families are important partners in the care and education of their child (Estes & Krogh, 2012).



Children learn and develop best through everyday play and interactions with parents, caregivers and families.

When you support families in building knowledge, skills and confidence for these interactions, you also help to create the best environment for the children's development and learning.



# Principles of FCP

## Part 1: Family-centred

- a. Incorporates family priorities
- b. Supports parent-child relationship
- c. Promotes parenting competence

## Part 2: Strength-based

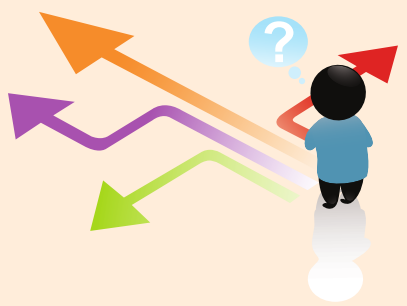
- a. Acknowledge child's strengths
- b. Views families as capable
- c. Enables families to promote child's development and learning

To find out how to practice FCP, check out Joya's story.

## Outcomes



Better understanding of child's and family's strengths and needs



Assist family in deciding best intervention strategies



Improved learning outcome



Families, children and teachers feel supported and valued (Wardell, 2013)



Increased emotional security in children