

Reflect on your own experiences with children, families, and colleagues. If you are an supervisor, administrator, or adult educator, how might you use these questions and activities to help other adults reflect on their experiences?

Seek multiple perspectives

As an early childhood practitioners, you may sometimes find that different cultural values and practices conflict with an image of children as capable and resourceful, or standard early childhood practices promoting independence and self-help.

Try This!

In the photo displayed on the webpage in this Key, you see an early childhood teacher responding to a request from a toddler's parent to please feed him. This was very controversial in the center because their practice was to have the children feed themselves from an early age.

What do you think of this teacher's actions?

What might the reasons be for complying with the parent's wishes?

How do you think you would react to a request like this one from a parent in your program?