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THE PROGRAM FOR INFANT/TODDLER CAREGIVERS

Gardening Analogy

Module: **I**
Topic: **Socialization & Guidance**
Type: **Discuss/Report**
Group Size: **Individuals or Pairs**
Time: **15 - 30 minutes**

Purpose:
To Promote a more creative and deeper level of thinking about discipline in non-traditional ways and stimulate discussion.

What you will need:

Participant Materials	Trainer Materials	Equipment
The following handouts: :: Socialization and Guidance Analogy	:: Socialization and Guidance Analogy	Optional: :: Overhead Projector :: Screen or blank wall

Directions:
1. Allow participants to work individually or in pairs.
2. Ask them to think about how socialization and guidance are like gardening and write their responses on their handouts.
3. Invite volunteers to share their responses.
4. Point out the space at the bottom of the handout for participants to record the ideas of others, etc.
5. Use responses to stimulate discussion on socialization and guidance.
6. Us presenters' notes and presenters' ideas to add analogies, as desired.

Variations:

:: This analogy can be especially useful is discussing the fact that socialization and guidance is part of a developmental process. When we plant seeds, we do not expect to get flowers or produce immediately. We must prepare the soil, plant the seeds, nurture the plant, provide support as needed, and give it time. We cannot expect young children to know social rules and expectations, know how to control their own emotions and behaviors, understand the concept of sharing, etc., until they feel secure and valued; have reached certain levels of development (intellectually, emotionally and socially) and have learned a vast array of skills and rules.

:: Transparency could be used to record the analogies shared by participants. (Alternative: Responses could be recorded on flip chart or dry erase/chalk board.)

Links to Head Start Program Performance Standards:

Includes but not limited to:

:: 1304.21(a)(3)(1)(C)-(D) Limits and expectations

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Socialization & Guidance Analogy

Socialization and guidance is like gardening because . . .

Additional notes/ideas:

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