

# MISSOURI MILESTONES MATTER!

## TALKING WITH PARENTS

Consider and plan for cultural or language issues before the meeting.  
Know the family's home language and consider if you need an interpreter.  
Which family members should be at the meeting?

Set a time that works for the family. Select a private, comfortable place to meet.

Let the family know information shared will be kept confidential.

Provide follow up information as quickly as possible.

Allow enough time for discussion/questions.

Parents need to know you know their child for the unique person they are.  
Begin by celebrating the child.

Share what you have noticed or observed in your time with them.

Ask questions about the home experience and listen to the family's story.

Review the purpose of the developmental checklist.

The checklist is a quick look to see if check that development is on schedule.

Developmental monitoring helps to identify a child's strengths and areas that could use more practice or exposure.

**Celebrate milestones.**

**Identify concerns.**

**Make a plan.**

**Share access to developmental screening.**

**Respect family decisions.**