



Promoting Social Emotional Competence in California's Young Children



This Parent is In Denial!

Sharing Concerns Sensitively With Parents

Agenda

Outcomes:

Participants will:

- *Recognize that the initial identification of developmental concerns generally has an emotional effect on families and providers*
- *Utilize strategies that promotes sensitive communication with families*
- *Identify methods for supporting families of children as they explore ways that their child is learning or behaving outside of the range of typical development*

1. What is Denial? Emotional Responses to Potential Delays and Differences

- **What Teachers and Providers May Experience**
- **What Parent's and Family Members May Experience**

2. Tools for Sharing Sensitively

- **Objective Descriptions and Documentation**
- **Active Listening and Empathy**
- **Strategies for Reflection and Planning**
- **Opportunities to Practice Sensitive Sharing**

3. Action Steps & Evaluation