

# Opening Doors

## For Home Visitors

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### Objectives

- Discuss the use of resources/strategies for home visitors.
- Observe the use of the OpenDoors, digital tool.
- Experiment with the use of the on-line materials.



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### Pair and share

For what parts of your job do you sometimes wish you'd been better trained?



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Pair and share with someone else

Are there parts of your job for which you've never received specific training?

Horizontal lines for writing responses.



Share with the group

For what questions do you turn to resources? Where do you turn?

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## What 5 Things Can You Learn From OpenDoors?

Parents best able to engage when program:

- (1) clearly conveyed program purposes,
- (2) emphasized child's needs, "Pivot"
- (3) followed through consistently,
- (4) helped parents relate to the program as well as to individual home visitors, and
- (5) uses materials found in the home.




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## Aspects of EHS Home Visiting

- Joint planning
- Infant toddler development
- Coaching parent-child interactions
- Using the home environment for learning experiences
- Using daily routines as learning experiences
- Planning from the child and parent's interests while still following the curriculum
- Safety
- Crisis management




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## Video



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Find two resources for Approaches to Learning and highlight them.



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### Try It Out!

Chaselle is a new home visitor who has just completed a home visit with the family of 11-month-old Steven. Steven's family invited her to his birthday party next weekend, and she is conflicted about what to do. She doesn't want to hurt her relationship with the family, but she also doesn't want to give the family the wrong impression about their relationship. Find information in *OpenDoors* that Chaselle might consider to help in her decision.



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### How about this one?

AliceAnn is a home visitor in the Wonderland Early Head Start Program. Her supervisor is trying to help her engage a particularly challenging family to use every day routines for school readiness. Find some suggestions in *OpenDoors* they might use, including two resources.



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**Provide feedback on OpenDoors!**  
Please tell us what you think.



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