

Suggested Interview Items/Questions: For Consideration When Caring for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Children

Family Structure & Child Rearing Practices

Family's Response to Disobedience and Aggression:

- What are the parameters of acceptable child behavior?
- What form does the discipline take?
- Who meters out the disciplinary action?

Family's Response to a Crying Infant:

- How long before the care-giver picks up a crying infant?
- How does the care-giver calm an upset infant?

Family Perceptions & Attitudes:

- Are there cultural or religious factors that would shape family perceptions?
- How does the family view the role of fate in their lives?

Family's Perception of Health & Healing:

- What is the family's approach to medical needs?
- Does the family rely of "Western" medicine or "holistic" medical approaches?

Language:

- To what degree is the family proficient in English?
- What is the language that the family is able to use for most effective communication?
- If written materials are used, do families need these in their native language?
- Is the family comfortable with the use of an interpreter?
- If an interpreter is utilized, does the gender of the interpreter make a difference to the family members involved?

Interaction Styles:

- Do family members communicate with each other in a direct or indirect manner?
- Does the family tend to interact in a quiet or loud manner?
- Does the family prefer direct questions/information or a lengthy social time before getting to the matters concerning their child's care?

Role of Educators:

- How does the family view the role of the child care provider?
- Does the family understand their role and responsibilities in relationship to the child care facility?

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