

**10A NCAC 09 .1704 CAREGIVER INTERACTIONS IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME**

(a) Family child care home operators shall interact with children in positive ways by helping them feel welcome and comfortable, treating them with respect, listening to what they say, responding to them with acceptance and appreciation and participating in activities with the children. For example, family child care home operators shall:

- (1) make eye contact when speaking to a child;
- (2) engage children in conversation to share experiences, ideas and opinions;
- (3) help children develop problem-solving skills; and
- (4) facilitate learning by providing positive reinforcement, encouraging efforts and recognizing accomplishments.

(b) Family child care home operators shall respond to an infant or toddler's physical and emotional needs, especially when indicated by crying through actions such as feeding, diapering, holding, positive touching, smiling, talking and eye contact.

(c) The family child care home operator shall recognize the special difficulties of infant and toddler separations and assist families, infants, and toddlers to make the transition from home to the program as gently as possible.

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