

“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts, it is acquiring understanding.” --William Arthur Ward

Learning is a continuous process of growth and understanding for the trainer and the trainee. It is within this relationship that we (the Trainer and Trainee) develop our competencies to better serve the children of Palm Beach County. In order to help us accomplish this, let's strive to:

- Be on time for trainings and stay for the duration, not just physically, but mentally. Just as we want the families we serve to make a commitment to learning something new (services we offer through our programs) we need to model that we too are open to learning something new.
- Be respectful of one another. We all want to be competent and we all bring our knowledge, skills, and experience to this training and our work.
- Actively listen to one another, even if we might not agree, and keep side bar conversations to a minimum. In doing so, we practice competencies that help us build relationships with our system partners and the families we serve.
- Maintain confidentiality and integrity so that others in the room feel safe in sharing their thoughts and experiences. This enhances the learning process for all of us.
- Create a learning environment free from outside distractions. Let's be mindful in our use of electronic devices, which might hinder the learning process for others in the room.
- Practice what we learn so that it becomes part of our daily work with the children and families we serve.
- Reflect on our practice and share our experiences with our colleagues so that we become more intentional in our work with the children we serve.
- Have fun. Just as children learn through curiosity, wonder, and play, let's be open to new ideas or view familiar ideas in new ways; and enjoy our time together while we learn from one another.

