6 Early Intervention Adult Learning Principles

Supporting the learning needs of caregivers is a fundamental part of early intervention practice. These 6 principles can guide your work with caregivers to ensure strong and productive relationships.



Caregivers learn best when what is being learned is immediately relevant and useful.



Caregivers learn best when **new knowledge is built on prior knowledge and experience**.



Caregivers need to understand what they are learning, why it's important, and how to use it with their children.



Caregivers learn best through **active participation** and **practice**.



Caregivers learn and remember best when what they are learning is **practiced in context** and **in real time**.



Caregivers benefit from **opportunities to reflect** and **receive feedback** on their **learning** and their **performance**.



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