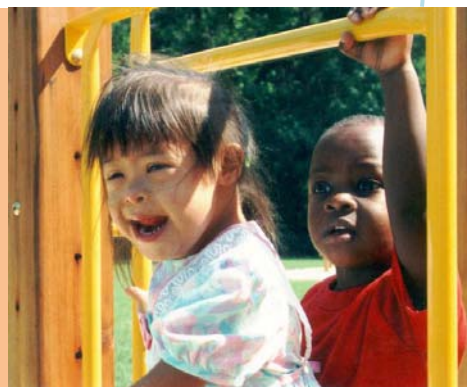


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Address  
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# Have a clinical practice focus

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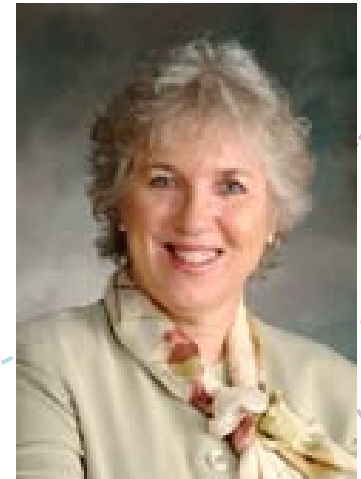
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## CONNECT Modules are:

- For faculty and other PD providers
- Course enhancements (not an entire course)
- Focused on specific sets of practices

### 4 modules are available:

- **Module 1: Embedded Interventions**
- **Module 2: Transitions**
- **Module 3: Communication for Collaboration**
- **Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships**



# Module 1: Embedded Interventions



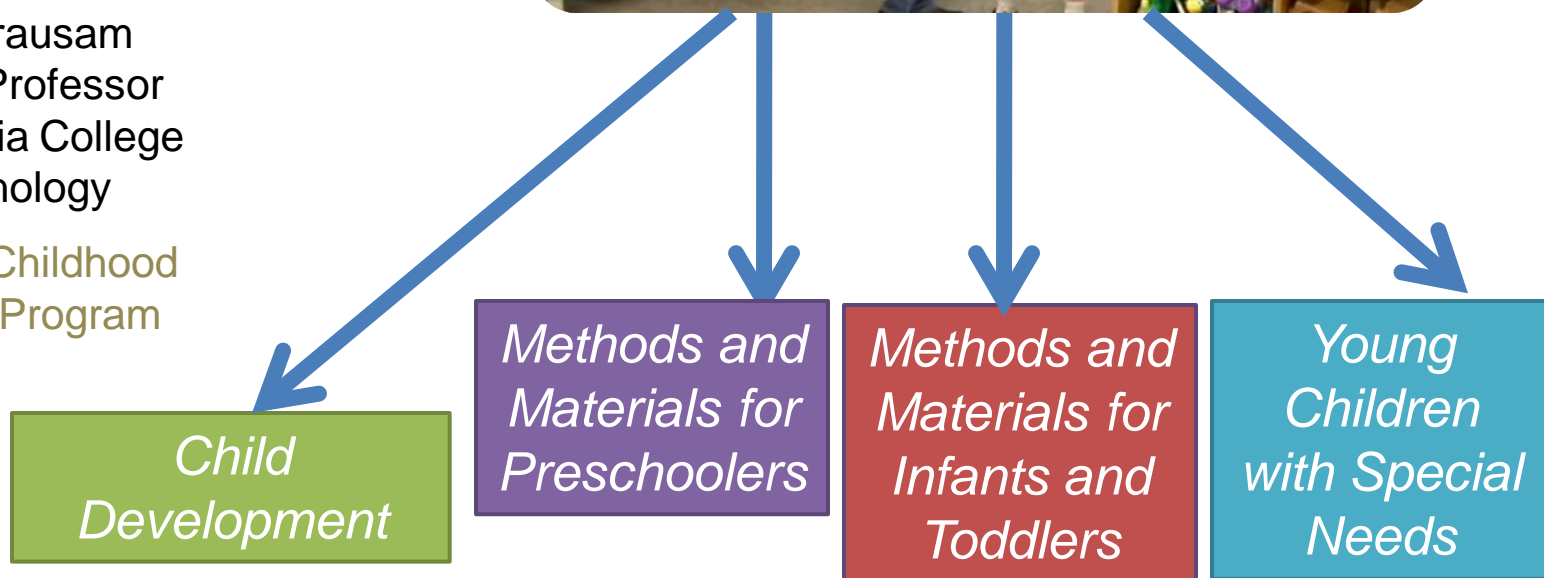


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## Module 1: Embedded Interventions



# Benefits of Using the Module

- Demonstrate best practices in inclusion
- Enhance learning opportunities for the NAEYC accreditation process

# Child Development

Used activities and videos to demonstrate social development

Activity 1.4a

## Describe peer support

Name

Date

To complete this activity form electronically, remember to first save your file. If you need further assistance, see the [Help & FAQs on pdfs](#).

### Instructions

Watch the four video clips, [Routine in a program - water play](#), [Routine in a program - singing a song](#), [Routine in a program - rolling with friends](#), and [Routine in the community - playing at a park](#), and view a handout, [Examples of Peer Support](#). Then complete the tasks below.

1. Describe peer support in your own words.

2. In addition to the examples you support.

Hints

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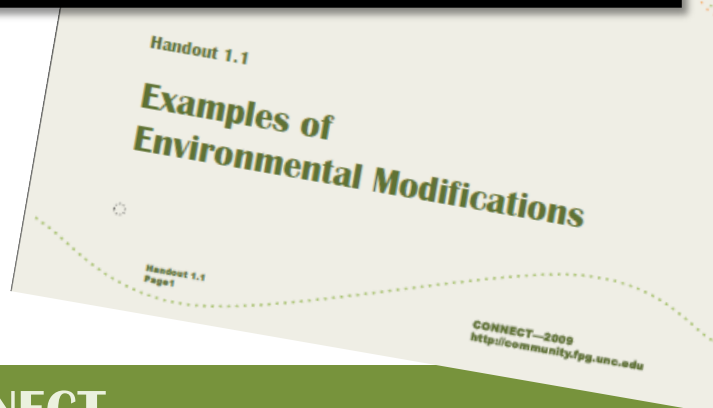
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# *Methods and Materials for Preschoolers*



Used videos and handouts to help students design learning environments



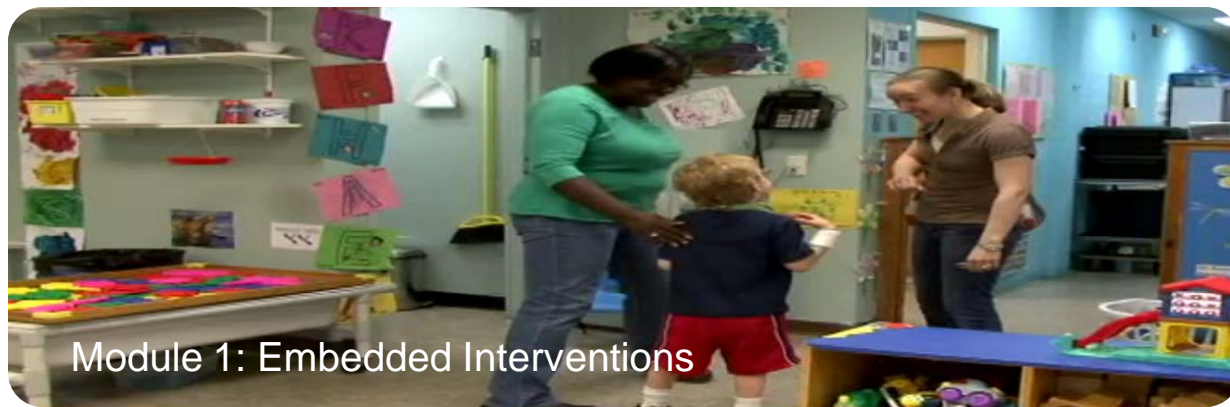


# *Methods and Materials for Infants and Toddlers*



Used videos to demonstrate embedding skill development into daily routines

# *Young Children with Special Needs*



Module 1: Embedded Interventions

Step 1: Dilemma	>	Step 2: Question	>	Step 3: Evidence	>	Step 4: Decision	>	Step 5: Evaluation
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Used the 5-  
step process  
to organize  
the module



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## Module 1: Embedded Interventions

*Speech,  
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Communication  
(Undergraduate)*

*Child  
Development  
(Undergraduate)*

*Educational  
Research  
(Graduate)*

# Child Development

## Handout 1.7

### Luke's Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Note: This is only a sample section of Luke's IEP. His actual IEP contains more goals, and other forms such as Anticipated Frequency and Location of Related Services, Nonacademic Services & Activities, as well as other consent and signature forms.

#### Check Purpose:

- ☐ Initial
- ☐ Annual Review
- ☐ Reevaluation
- ☐ Addendum
- ☐ Transition Part C to B

Duration of Special Education and Related Services: From 1/4/2009 To 1/3/2010  
Student: Luke DOB: 1/4/2006 School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: PreK

Primary Area of Eligibility – **Developmental Delay**

#### Student Profile

Student's overall strengths: Luke is very personable. He enjoys being around others and has a good temperament.

Parents' concerns, if any, for enhancing the student's education: Lack of verbal communication, level of assistance needed to participate in play and daily

Parents'/Student's vision for student's future: They v continue to expand communication to a more natural lev to see him initiating a variety of play.

1. Does the student have behavior(s) that impeded
2. Does the student have limited English profici
3. If the student is blind or partially sighted, will
4. Does the student have any special commun
5. Is the student deaf or hard of hearing? No
  - ☐ The child's language and communication needs;
  - ☐ Opportunities for direct communication with peers and profi
  - ☐ Academic level;
  - ☐ Full range of needs, including opportunities for direct inst
  - ☐ Communication mode.
6. Does the student require specially desig

### Christine's Chronicles: The R-Word

Posted by [Christine Lindauer](#) at Feb 23, 2010 | [Permalink](#)  
Filed under: [blog](#) - [christines chronicles](#), [NPDCI](#), [family](#), [inclusion](#)

The use of the word "retarded" has again come into the spotlight. Emotions and opinions in the media are mixed. Christine, the mother of a child with a disability shares a story for us all to ponder and react to.

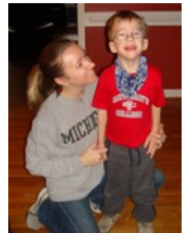
So I'm sure most of you have seen the recent flurry of news around Rahm Emanuel's use of the R-word. Rush Limbaugh had an R-word filled response to it. Then what saddened me the most was Sarah Palin, the mother of a child with Down syndrome, excusing Limbaugh's use of the word because it was satire while calling for Emanuel to be fired. But so goes the world of politics.

So I thought I'd take this opportunity to diverge from my usual postings and share a story from my childhood. It's strange what you remember, how a moment can touch you in such way, that you never forget it. I didn't realize it at the time, but this was one of those moments.

I had just started first grade and I had made a new friend. Her name was Joyce. We exchanged phone numbers at school and she told me that she would call me that evening. This was a first for me. I had never talked on the phone before with a girlfriend. So she called and we chatted for a bit about silly girl things as my sister Stacy was standing nearby. Joyce then asked to speak to my sister. So I let my sister have the phone and she talked to Joyce for a little while, and then gave the phone back to me. The next words were the ones that still haunt me.

"Is your sister retarded?"

I shouted back into the phone "No, she's not retarded!" I didn't know what it meant, but I could tell from the tone in her voice that it wasn't nice. I got off the phone and immediately went over to my mother and asked "Mommy, what does retarded mean?"



by Christine Lindauer



# Educational Research

## Handout 1.3



### Research Summary on Embedded Interventions

RESEARCHERS associated with an Institute of Education Sciences funded project<sup>1</sup> analyzed 38 research studies on embedded intervention. They wanted to find out the following:

- how the practice was defined across different studies,
- who implemented the practice and in what type of settings,
- what the characteristics of the children were and
- whether the practice was beneficial for young children.

Here is what the researchers learned.

#### How was the practice of embedding intervention defined?

Embedded intervention includes the use of intentional teaching strategies to address a specific learning goal within the context of everyday activities, routines, and transitions at home, at school, or in the community.

#### Who implemented embedded intervention and in what type of settings?

Almost half of the people implementing embedded intervention were pre-school teachers. Others were assistant teachers and graduate students. Interventions were implemented in a variety of early childhood settings including preschool classrooms, early childhood special education classrooms, community-based child care programs, and Head Start.

#### What were the characteristics of the children who participated in the research?

About two-thirds of the children were from 2-7 years. About one-half had developmental delay. The delays included speech delays, autism, or Down syndrome.

#### Was the practice of embedding intervention beneficial for children?

Almost every study showed that children acquired targeted skills or made progress across a number of areas including language and pre-communication, motor and adaptive skills, cognitive development, academic skills, and social-emotional development. Slightly less than half

Step 1:  
Dilemma



Step 2:  
Question



Step 3:  
Evidence



Step 4:  
Decision



Step 5:  
Evaluation

5-step learning cycle



## Module 2: Transition



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*Child Growth &  
Development*

# Benefits of Using the Module

Handout 2.4

## Home Visit Planning Form

Sample

Child's Name: NOBLE Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Parent or Guardian: LEONARD

Address: 4125 NW

Date of visit: DIANA AND MELISSA

Teacher/Provider:

**Materials for Home Visit**

1. Transition Profile
2. Transition Plan from the Early Intervention program
3. Snapshots and/or video of classroom
4. Followup Home Visit Sheet (Classroom schedule, calendar, menu, pictures of other staff members)
5. Camera

Conversation Guide	Planning Notes	Meeting Notes
Area	Teacher/Parent/Provider for and	
Describe program	Include lessons and more in-depth	
Plan for next steps	When can't pass paperwork	

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Home visits

Synthesized key  
topics on  
transition



Creating respectful  
environments



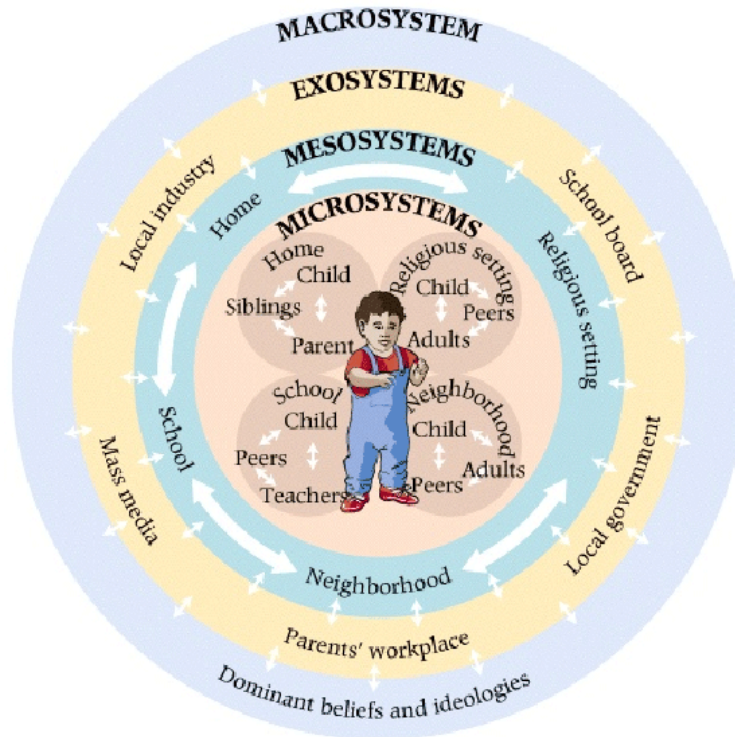
Partnering with  
families



Adaptations &  
supports



# Benefits of Using the Module



Bridges  
Theory to  
Practice



Bronfenbrenner's  
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Theory

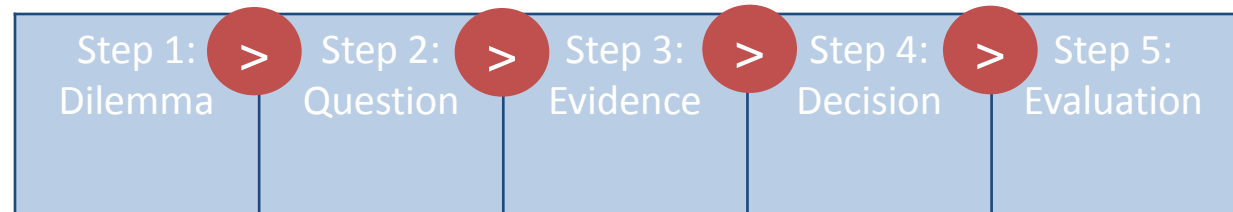
# Benefits of Using the Module



Realistic dilemmas and demonstrations of practice

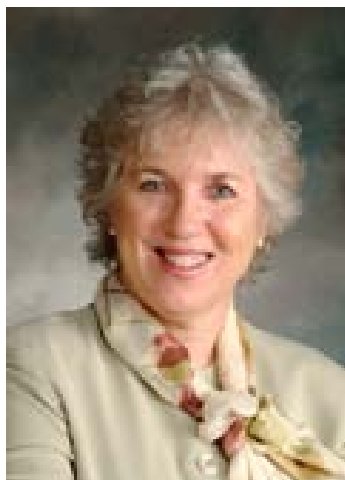


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## **Module 3: Communication for Collaboration**



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Module 3: Communication  
for Collaboration



Capstone Course  
(MA)

# Benefits of Using the Module



Research to Practice





Students  
implement EBP  
in practica  
setting or  
classroom



Evaluate ease  
of  
implementation



Evaluate  
outcome of  
practice



# Benefits of Using the Module

Handout 3.4



## Research Summary on Communication Practices for Collaboration

RESEARCHERS at Case Western Reserve University conducted a review of the literature on communication practices between health care providers and parents.<sup>1</sup> A total of 15 studies examined the relationship between parent-provider communication and health care outcomes; eight studies examined the effects of strategies designed to improve communication between parents and providers.<sup>2</sup> Here is what the researchers learned from their review of these studies.

### How were the communication practices defined and implemented?

Communication practices were defined and implemented differently across all of the studies in this review. A single, agreed-upon definition or list of effective communication practices did not exist in this literature. However, some of the most widely mentioned communication practices across studies involved providers listening in ways that demonstrated attention, empathy, and support; reflecting others' feelings or concerns; and providing information that parents perceived as relevant and useful.

### What were the characteristics of the participants and settings in the research on communication practices?

The communications between health care providers and parents took place in health care clinics or hospitals that served children from infancy to 14 years of age. The majority of the studies involved pediatricians or health care providers who were not specialists. Most visits and sick-child examinations and consultations were for children with diagnosed developmental delays or conditions.

### What factors were associated with improved communication practices and positive outcomes related to these practices?

The review found that the following factors were associated with improved communication: sharing information with parents (e.g., asking parents to repeat information, providing information in a meeting (e.g., completing a checklist), and providing information in a mutual problem-solving. The review also found that the following positive outcomes: increased parent communication led to the following positive outcomes: increased parent satisfaction with health care services (in the majority of studies) and improved

## Accessible Research

## Clear Definition of Practice

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### NAVIGATION

Module 3 Dashboard  
Introduction  
Step 1: Dilemma  
Step 2: Question  
Step 3: Evidence

#### A. Definition

Attending and Active Listening  
Seeking and Verifying Information  
Joining and Supporting  
Putting it All Together

#### B. Research

C. Policies  
D. Experience-Based Knowledge

Step 4: Decision  
Step 5: Evaluation  
Summary and Wrap Up  
References and Credits  
Supplemental Materials  
Glossary

## A. Definition

**Effective communication** with professionals and families consists of specific communication strategies that can be organized into the following three categories: (1) attending and active listening; (2) seeking and verifying; (3) and joining and supporting. These communication strategies are used throughout the process of building trusting partnerships. Creating a partnership generally involves getting to know the other person and establishing trust, gaining an understanding of another's priorities and needs, and reaching consensus on how best to work together.

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# Benefits of Using the Module

Handout 3.1

## Communication Strategies to Build Collaboration

Attending and Active Listening		Some Examples
Communication Practice	Function	
Body language	Physical posture is relaxed to show openness, interest, and empathy.	Leaning slightly toward the speaker while sitting, hands relaxed in lap. Respecting preferences for personal space and eye contact. Nodding your head in agreement.
Reflecting content and feelings	Using your own words to identify the content and feelings in a message is one way to let the speaker know you understand.	"I understand that you've been talking to Kathy about some ideas you have for what might work better at lunch time, but she hasn't tried them yet." (reflecting content) "Jose's mother told you that they are trying some new medicine with Jose that could have some side effects." (reflecting content) "Now that we've had a chance to talk, I understand that trying some of the new ideas we talked about has been both stressful and frustrating." (reflecting content)

Delineation of practices into strategies

Handout 3.2

## Communication Strategies Observation Checklist

This checklist is designed to be used to observe and identify basic communication practices. For each item, check each time you observe a practice in the box provided. Make notes in the space provided about examples you observed within each of the 3 broad categories.

Attending and Active Listening	
Body language	Circle Yes or No to indicate whether this occurs.
Using posture, eye contact, gestures and other non-verbal movements to show openness, interest and concern.	YES NO
Reflecting content and feelings	Make a check in the box <i>each time</i> you observe an
Using your own words to identify the content and feelings in a message is one way to let the speaker know you understand.	

Checklist for monitoring use of practice

Encouraging and affirming	Through simple verbal encouragement, the speaker is encouraged to continue. Commenting about the strengths and accomplishments shows support.	"You have an incorporating tube feeding into making sure that Amand feels like a part of the group." "Luke is doing so well using his communication device at mealtime. We all had a good laugh today when he pushed the 'yucky' button after trying the beans at lunch."
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## **Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships**

# *Young Children with Special Needs*



Module 4: Family-  
Professional Partnerships

Teach about partnership-oriented practices







NAEYC A.A.S. Accreditation Standards	CONNECT Activities Learning Opportunities	EDUC 230: Young Children with Special Needs Course Assessments
<b>Standard 1: Promoting Child Development and Learning</b> Module 1: Embedded Interventions		
<b>1a:</b> Knowing and understanding young children's characteristics and needs	<b>Activity 1.3-</b> environmental modifications <b>Activity 1.4a-</b> peer supports	Exams, Quizzes Disability Reports Final Exam: Case Study- Group
<b>1b:</b> Knowing and understanding the multiple influences on development and learning		Adaptation Exam Quizzes Disability Reports Final Exam: Case Study- Group
<b>1c:</b> Using knowledge of development to create healthy, respectful, supportive, and challenging learning environments	<b>Activities 1.5a-1.8a-</b> embedded interventions in a variety of settings to support a child's participation	Field Experience Exams, Quizzes Final Exam: Case Study- Group
<b>Standard 2: Building Family and Community Relationships</b> Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships		
<b>2a:</b> Knowing about and understanding family and community characteristics	<b>Video 4.2-</b> Family Viewpoint (Single father describing his challenges and the community in which he is raising his children)  <b>Video 4.4-</b> Home Visits	Parent Interview Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group
<b>2b:</b> Supporting and empowering families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships	<b>Video 4.2-</b> Starting a Relationship <b>Handout 4.2</b>	Parent Interview Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group
<b>2c:</b> Involving families and communities in their children's development and learning	<b>Activities 4a through 4.7:</b> and Handout 4.3	Parent Interview Exams, Quizzes Disability Report Agency Resource Guide Final Exam: Case Study-Group

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## CONNECT Modules: Using CONNECT Modules to teach graduate students how they can use evidence based practices

Posted by Susan Fowler at Nov 18, 2010 | [Permalink](#)  
Filed under: [CONNECT Modules](#), [evidence-based practice](#)

Susan Fowler, Professor in Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, shares some of her insights on using Module 3: Communication for Collaboration to teach about evidence-based practice.

### Community Questions

How do you teach students about using evidence-based practices?  
How have you used Module 3: Communication for Collaboration?  
How do you envision using the module?

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I am teaching a graduate class in special education for teachers (early intervention through post secondary education) and they are reading about what constitutes evidence based practice and how to translate research articles into practice or implications for practice. This past week I demonstrated an evidence based practice (EBP) using the Communication module as my example. I really like it for a number of reasons and so did my students!



Susan Fowler, Professor in Special Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## Embedding Module 1 into a College Course

Posted by Johnna Darragh at Jun 21, 2010 | [Permalink](#)  
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Learn how one faculty embedded Module 1 into both online and face-to-face classes as well as both early childhood and early childhood special education classes.

CONNECT Modules are designed using an evidence-based practice approach to professional development. Module 1: Embedded Interventions includes over 20 videos activities, and handouts. This month, instructors from both college and in-service training settings share how they incorporated Module 1 into their professional development activities. Your questions and comments are invited.

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### Background

I had the great pleasure of being a participant in CONNECT Module 1 pilot study during the Spring of 2010. This wonderful opportunity presented a challenge: How do I integrate the wonderful, rich resources that were timely, relevant, and greatly needed into both online and ground (i.e., face-to-face) courses within a short timeline in terms of syllabi development and a myriad of existing standards, objectives, and required assignments? I was presented with a puzzle of sorts, but hoped that putting the pieces together would result in an effort that more effectively prepared my students to support the development and learning of each and every child and their family whom they will work with.

Prior to the start of the semester, my first step in tackling this challenge was to carefully review the CONNECT materials, spending a good deal of time within the Instructor Dashboard to determine (1) how the module complemented existing course objectives and (2) which course assignments could be adapted. As I was including the module in an Introduction to ECE course (ground delivery) and an Introduction to Special Education course (online delivery), there was a great deal of variance in the decisions I made between courses and delivery.



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Nancy Grausam's upcoming blog on using Module 4: Family-Professional Partnerships



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