

## Reasons for home visits

- To establish and build rapport with families
- To interact with families “on their own turf”
- To observe parent/child interactions in child’s primary setting
- To observe and better understand home and neighborhood environments
- Orient parents to classroom routines and expectations
- Discuss child’s current growth and development
- Solicit family feedback and concerns
- Discuss current parent/child activities and recommend others

Update families on upcoming program activities

## 5 keys to an successful home visit

**Relationship-Based-Listening to families, Understanding and encouraging families’ strengths and expertise, Building families’ confidence**

**Individualized to the Family-each HV is different and based on families needs**

**An Active Process-having an active part in listening and talking with family**

**Multidimensional-pay attention to the environmental cues that will present themselves. It is often the information not shared, that becomes the most significant when working with families.**

**Goal Oriented and Outcomes-Focused-Provides accurate written reflection of conversation via following strategies: paraphrasing while note taking or summarizing discussion to ensure that everyone is on the same page.**

## To ensure a successful arrival for your home visit

- Set a positive tone
- Establish rapport
- Include all family members in the home who would like to participate

**\*\*\*\*\*Meet where the family feels most comfortable\*\*\*\*\***