



# Five Ways To Scaffold Caregiver Learning

When supporting adult learning, knowing how the caregiver learns best, and observing the caregiver's knowledge and skill can help the provider determine the type of scaffolding best suited to the situation. Below are five ways to scaffold learning. Providers may find that multiple strategies are helpful within the same interaction.

## Reflection -for- Action

Prior to the activity the provider uses reflective questions to help a caregiver prepare for an activity/routine that will serve as a context for promoting child learning.

- "What do you want your child to be able to do during this activity?"
- "What could you do to help your child be successful?"

## Reflection -in- Action

While observing the activity, the provider uses reflective questions to encourage the caregiver to think about how the strategies are working, what the child is learning, or how the child is participating, and what invite, engage, and teach strategies the caregiver is using.

- "What does your child like about this activity?"
- "What is your child learning?"
- "How is what you are doing helping your child be successful?"

## Verbally Prompt

During the focus activity, the provider prompts the caregiver to use strategies already discussed. The caregiver is engaged with the child while the provider is observing and prompting.

- "This might be a good time to..."
- "What do you think about trying... here?"

## Intentional Modeling

Before, during, or after the activity..

- Explain the responsive strategy or target technique.
- Ask the caregiver if you can demonstrate it and let the caregiver know what to watch.
- Conduct the demonstration.
- Ask the caregiver to reflect on the use of the strategy.
- Invite the caregiver to try.
- Prompt the caregiver to reflect on how it worked and plan for continued use of the strategy or target technique.

## Reflection -on- Action

After the activity the provider uses reflective questions to help the caregiver consider how the strategies worked.

- "How was this different from how the routine usually goes?"
- "What did you learn about how to help your child be successful?"

