REFLECTIONS - ETHICAL BEHAVIOR

Ethics refers to the values, principles, and standards that guide a person’s decision-making and conduct. Ethical responsibilities flow from all human relationships, from family and social relationships to professional and business relationships. According to some experts, ethics means knowing right from wrong and doing the right thing.

Reflect on the following questions, describing what you believe are ethical practices and behaviors in providing early intervention services.

1. What is the difference between unethical and unlawful, as it relates to early childhood intervention services?

2. How does your program ensure confidentiality in storing the records of children and families and responding to requests for information about them?

3. Give an example of a conflict of interest.

4. How would you respond after observing unethical behavior by a colleague?

5. What would you do if your friend asked you to serve as her child’s Early Intervention Specialist or Service Coordinator?

6. What action would you take if you realized that your own behavior might be perceived as unethical by a family or the community?