

Build Relationships With Families

Work from your assets when building stronger relationships with students and their families. In the following chart, reflect on your current practices and consider ideas from this chapter to further develop your relationships with students and their families.

Students and family members with whom I currently have strong relationships	Students and family members with whom I want to strengthen my relationships	Relationship-building strategies I currently use	Relationship-building strategies I want to add to my practice	Who I most impact with these strategies

No-Nonsense Nurturers invest heavily in their relationships with students and families. Take some time to begin thinking about how you want to build those relationships. Choose three students or family members you want to begin building relationships with, and then brainstorm strategies for getting to know them better. If you get stuck, focus on students you find challenging. Building relationships with them will likely take longer but will go a long way.

Student or family member	How will I get to know this student or family member better?