

Family Engagement Scale: Professional Version

Date: _____ Name: _____ Family: _____

This scale includes items that encourage reflection on the ways in which professionals might engage with and respond to families. Please indicate which rating **best describes** how you, the professional, interact with and respond to families or parents. It may be helpful to your professional practice to reflect on your engagement and interaction with each family over time.

To what extent is each of the following statements true about your work with this parent or family?	Rarely	Seldom	Sometimes	Generally	Almost Always
As a professional, I...					
Ask about how they and their child(ren) are doing	1	2	3	4	5
Say positive things to them	1	2	3	4	5
Encourage them to share their knowledge about their child(ren)	1	2	3	4	5
Help them learn new skills	1	2	3	4	5
Work with them to get needed resources and help when they want to make changes	1	2	3	4	5
Provide them with information about the resources and options that are available to them	1	2	3	4	5
Help find solutions to their problems or the problems of their child(ren)	1	2	3	4	5
Help them plan for the future instead of waiting for things to go wrong	1	2	3	4	5
Am honest and sincere	1	2	3	4	5
Am warm and caring towards all family members	1	2	3	4	5
Listen to what they have to say about their child(ren) and family and respond their needs	1	2	3	4	5
Communicate that they deserve support	1	2	3	4	5
Encourage father/ male family member participation	1	2	3	4	5
Consider my own biases and how they affect my relationship with the family or parent	1	2	3	4	5
Encourage their parenting efforts	1	2	3	4	5

Adapted from *Helpgiving Practices Scale* by Carol M Trivette and Carl J. Dunst for Ohio's Project AWARE by Grace Schoessow, Greene County Education Service Center. It is free to use and adapt for your own purposes. Comments can be sent to gschoessow@greeneesc.org.