

## The Five Agreements

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Chatterbox Learning



We will work as a team to support your child's learning. To make our work together as effective and enjoyable as possible, the following agreements will serve as a foundation to guide individual sessions as well as our big-picture plan.

### **We will agree on learning priorities and goals.**

The goals for your child must reflect your family priorities. We will begin by working on what you feel is the most important to your child's daily life. We will also establish your role as your child's teacher, making sure you feel secure in your ability to use the strategies we develop in your daily routines with your child.

### **You are your child's primary communication partner.**

My role is to support you as you support your child's communication and learning. Since you are your child's first and best teacher, we will make sure you feel confident in your role as his or her communication partner. I will offer strategies to help shape organic interactions between you and your child and I will actively support you in discovering new and different ways to communicate.

### **We will build on what's already working!**

We will work within your daily routine and expand on favorite activities. Doing so will allow us to anchor new strategies to existing routines and patterns. Working with familiar materials within familiar routines improves the transfer of new skills into your everyday environment, and that provides both you and your child with a great sense of achievement.

### **We will learn to work as a team.**

I will act as your coach as you explore new possibilities as your child's teacher and communication partner. As we build a trusting relationship, we will find a natural rhythm to our session time. Positive experiences and improvements in your child's skills will increase your confidence and motivation.

### **I will provide specific and meaningful feedback.**

In-home services provide unique opportunities for true integration of new skills. We will target one specific learning goal for each session and discuss results and feedback immediately. At the end of each session you will feel confident, supported, and successful.



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