

PUTTING TEACHER WARMTH AND AVAILABILITY TO SUPPORT LEARNING INTO PRACTICE

An important first step is to reflect on your own experience.

1. How do you build rapport when you meet a new person?

2. How do members of your family build rapport?

3. How did your parents teach you to show feelings?

Then consider which students might need help in establishing positive relationships with you. Try one or more of the activities below and share your results.

4. Try a quick daily check-in at the beginning or end of each day. One easy way to start is to greet each student as the students enter the classroom at the start of the day. Focus your observation on two students who might benefit the most from this closeness, and document any changes in their behavior. What did you observe?

