



Touchpoints Guiding Principles

- Recognize what you bring to the interaction
- Look for opportunities to support mastery
- Acknowledge and respect each family's cultures
- Use the behavior of the child as your language
- Value disorganization and vulnerability as an opportunity
- Value and understand the relationship between you and the parent
- Be willing to discuss matters that go beyond your traditional role
- Focus on the parent-child relationship
- Value passion wherever you find it



Touchpoints Parent Assumptions

- The parent is the expert on their child
- All parents have strengths
- Parenting is rooted in cultural practices, beliefs, and individual experiences
- All parents have ambivalent feelings
- Parenting is a process built on trial and error
- All parents have something critical to share at each developmental stage
- All parents want to do well by their child