

CONNECTING WITH A POTENTIAL FAMILY

Once you have identified a family that meets the criteria for your Infant/ Family Case Study, you should:

- Contact the family by phone or in-person.
- **Introduce** yourself as a:
 - BMCC student.
 - Studying infant/ toddler development and learning.
- **Explain:**
 - You will be asking questions about the child's:
 - Birth
 - Early years & experiences
 - Families can answer the questions that they wish to answer
 - You will be doing an observation to get to know the child but **not** assessing the child.
 - You will keep the family's information private and confidential.
 - You need to visit the family 2 to 3 times and at least 1 or 2 visits the child must be present.
 - You will be working under tight deadlines.
- **Ask:**
 - Does the family agree to participate?
 - Can the family and child be available when you need them?
 - Think of your schedule. Ask if the family is available when you are free.
 - What's the best way to contact the family (phone calls, texts, emails)?
 - If they say phone calls, what are good times to call?
 - When can you set-up your first visit for the Family Interview?