



## Gathering Information: Become an Interviewer

Talking with others about play for multilingual children in your local context will help you grow your knowledge and be culturally and linguistically responsive as you integrate play into your teaching practice. We invite you to choose one, two, or all three of the following activities.

1. Interview a colleague who incorporates play for learning
2. Interview a multilingual child you teach about their play
3. Interview a family member of a multilingual child you serve

### Activity 1: Interview a Colleague

Engage in a conversation with a colleague who chooses play for learning. Discuss the benefits and characteristics of joyful learning for multilingual children. The questions below can be used as a starting point.

- Why do you choose play for learning?
- How do you think play benefits multilingual children? How do you leverage these benefits in your setting?
- What does play in your setting look like, sound like, feel like?
- How is joyful learning in your setting linguistically and culturally responsive for the multilingual children you serve?
  - Do they have opportunities to use their dynamic language practices?
  - How are their cultural practices and interests represented in their play spaces and joyful learning?
- How do you engage with multilingual children during play? What is your role? Is it always the same?
- Have you encountered any obstacles integrating play for learning for multilingual children? If so, what are they? How have you addressed these obstacles to incorporate play for learning?
- What advice do you have for educators who want to choose joyful learning for multilingual children but don't know how to start?
- What else would you like to share with me about purposeful play?

## Activity 2: Interview a Multilingual Child

Engage in a conversation with a multilingual child about their play experiences throughout their school day and in their home and community. The questions below are a starting point. Depending on the child, you may want to select just a few of these to have a brief chat.

- What do you enjoy doing here at school?
- What are some ways you play here at school? You can expand on this question to include
  - Where do you play?
  - With whom do you play?
  - Do you play by yourself?
  - How do you play?
  - Why do you enjoy it?
- Is there a game or activity we play that you really enjoy? What do you like about it?
- What are some of the ways you like to play at home? You can expand on this question to include
  - With whom do you play?
  - How do you play?
  - Why do you enjoy it?
- Are there games or ways you play at home that you wish we could do here at school?
- What other places do you like to play besides at home or in school? You can expand on this question to include
  - Where do you play?
  - With whom do you play?
  - How do you play?
  - Why do you enjoy it?
- What do you learn when you play? Follow up with: Why do you think that?, How do you learn?, etc.
- Tell me how you talk with others when you play. Do you like talking with others when you play? Does it depend? What language(s) do you like to use when you play? Tell me more...
- Is there anything that is difficult for you when you play? Anything you don't like?
- What else do you want me to know about when or how you play?



## Activity 3: Interview a Family Member

Engage in a conversation with a family member of a multilingual child about their play experiences in their home and community. Be sure to use the family member's language of choice. The questions below are a starting point. You may want to select just a few of these to have a brief chat or ask the questions over time.

- What are some of the ways your child likes to play at home? You can expand on this question to include
  - With whom do they play?
  - How do they play? (For example, imaginary play, games, building/creating things)
  - Why do you think they enjoy it?

- What other places does your child like to play besides at home or in school? You can expand on this question to include
  - Where do they play?
  - With whom do they play?
  - How do they play?
  - Why do you think they enjoy it?
- How do you play with your child? You can expand on this question to include
  - What do you enjoy about playing with your child?
  - What are some of your favorite games or play activities?
- How does your child use language while playing?
- How does your child bring your family's culture into their play?
- How do you think play is beneficial to your child?
  - How do you think play helps your child learn language?
  - How do you think play helps your child learn in other areas?
- What else would you like to share with me about when or how your child plays?