

# 25 CHARACTERISTICS OF RELATIONAL CHILD & YOUTH CARE

## SAFETY IN RELATIONSHIP

Being with others in ways they  
are free to be themselves  
without judgment

- 1 Rituals of encounter   2 Meeting others where they are   3 Hanging out  
4 Participating with others as they live their lives  
5 Being in relationship   6 Rhythmicity

Showing up in ways that  
others can take the risk of  
genuine connection

## AUTHENTIC PRESENCE

- 7 Working in the now   8 Emotional presence   9 Examining context  
10 Reflection   11 It's all about us   12 Love

## IDENTITY & SELF-EXPRESSION

Creating experiences  
where others feel valued,  
heard, and included

- 13 Flexibility & individuality   14 Connection & engagement  
15 Family oriented   16 Doing with not for or to   17 Needs-based focus  
18 Strength-based orientation

Supporting others in  
reaching toward their  
unique potential

## EMPOWERMENT TO GROW

- 19 Developmentally responsive   20 Hanging in   21 Intentionality of action  
22 Meaning making   23 Counseling on the go   24 Purposeful use of activities  
25 Using daily life events to facilitate change