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Make sure guardians are aware of activity plans and ask if the activity is okay. Do not rely on your Little to tell the guardian about plans, even though your Little or the parent/guardian may say it is okay to do otherwise. Remember, you're the adult, and it's your job to communicate with the other adults in the equation. And if your plans change, always let the parent or guardian know about it. Such communication is good practice, and it role models good parenting skills.

Always communicate with the guardian before and after an activity. Describe what you plan to do, where you are going, and approximately how long you'll be gone. Afterwards, recap the outing with them, and tell them about their child's reactions to the experience.

Additionally, be respectful of the privacy and confidentiality of your Little's family. Do not disclose any details about their lives to your family and friends, even if you are describing them in the best light.

Remember, ~~it's~~ your primary relationship is with your Little. You shouldn't become overly involved with the rest of the family. Besides, your Little will keep you busy enough!

Finally, talk to your Match Support Specialist about any concerns you have about your Little's family and his or her well-being. We're always here to support you.

Again, your Little's parent or guardian is important to the health of your match. Honor their role in the family and be respectful of their wishes and you'll create a relationship that is positive for all parties involved.