# Mentor Update

## Helping Your Mentees Link Professional Learning to Practice

Your mentees recently attended professional learning.

### Professional Development

#### Topic: Establish a Consistent, Organized, and Respectful Learning Environment and Teach Social Behaviors

At this professional learning session, mentees learned the following:

* Establishing learning environments and positive relationships
* Culturally responsive teaching
* Developing expectations and procedures
* Specific feedback
* Opportunities to respond (OTRs)
* Social-emotional learning

### Follow-Up

#### Suggestions for Follow-Up With Your Mentees

##### Conversation Starters—Ask your mentees:

1. Did you encounter any new information in the professional learning or was it just a review?
2. What do you think is the benefit of implementing OTRs?
3. How do you build rapport and respect with your students?

##### Activity

1. Explain to your mentees how you get to know your students’ personal, cultural, and community assets. Share strategies with your mentees on how you link your instruction to students’ prior academic learning and personal, cultural, and community assets.
2. Review the Best Practices Checklists with your mentees. Both checklists provide a roadmap for developing an effective classroom. Find areas of strength and areas of improvement on both checklists. Share strategies with your mentees on how they can grow on the areas of improvement.