

### Respecting the Emotional Experience and Expressions of the Child

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**Summary: Respecting the emotional experiences and expressions of our children is key to maintaining a good relationship**

- ✓ It is through our relationship with a child that Floortime™ works
- ✓ Being attuned to our children's emotional experience is the key to finding out where their natural motivations lie
- ✓ We can help our children initiate engagement and interaction by tapping into these natural emotional motivations
- ✓ Thwarting our children's (negative) emotions, and ignoring or stopping their natural motivations threatens our relationship
- ✓ All behaviour is communication that warrants respect
- ✓ Children will have profound challenges with academics if they do not first develop the **six core functional emotional developmental capacities (FEDCs)** which are a precursor to academic success

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