



## RULES FOR REACHING OUT TO PARENTS

- Be positive
- Focus on the child
- Emphasize their child's strengths
- Be sincere
- Don't talk down to parents
- Don't talk over their heads...watch the jargon
- Don't criticize their parenting skills or place blame
- Never assume parents don't care about their children
- Be aware of cultural stereotype statements, such as:
  - “you people”
  - “you're different from other \_\_\_\_\_ people”
  - “many of my friends are \_\_\_\_\_”
- Point out strengths rather than weaknesses