## Session 1

## Positive Solutions for Families: Making a Connection

## Session 1—Activity \#1 Relationship Activity

(1) Think of someone who was really special to you when you were growing up. Write this person's name below. What is/was your relationship to this person?
(2) What made you think of this person?
(3) What did this person do that made him/her so important or special to you?

## Session 1—Activity \#2 Things to Try at Home! "Filliing/Refillling" Activity



List 5 things that you will try to do in the next week to "fill/refill" your child's relationship tankthings that will make your child feel really special!
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(2)
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(5)

## Some ideas to try...

reading a book together
singing favorite songs together eating dinner together hugs, high fives, kisses, winks, thumbs-up letting your child be your special helper (helping with dinner, laundry, etc.)

## Session 1—Activity \#3 Things to Try at Home! Encouragement Log

Tip 1 Get your child's attention.
Tip 2 Be specific!
Tip 3 Keep it simple (try to avoid combining encouragement with criticism).
Tip 4 Encourage your child with enthusiasm!
Tip 5 Double the impact with physical warmth.
Tip 6 Use positive comments and encouragement with your child in front of others.

Try to encourage your child at least 5 times this week.

| I encouraged my child or used <br> positive comments when... | What happened? How did your child <br> respond? How do you think your child <br> felt? How did you feel? |
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