

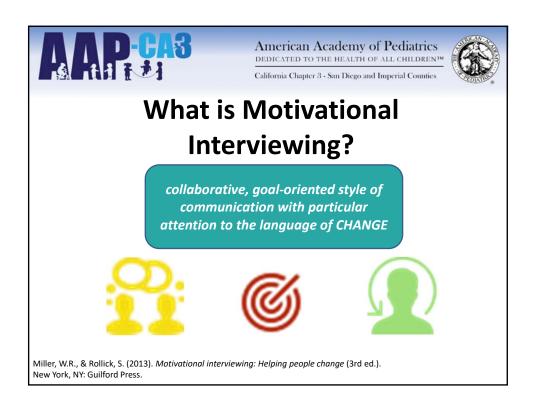
# Motivational Interviewing: A relationship-based approach to engaging parents of young children.

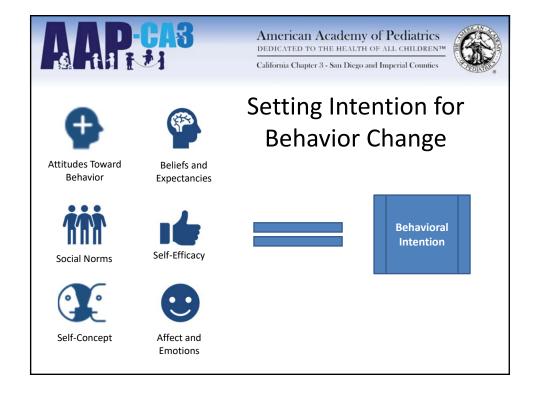
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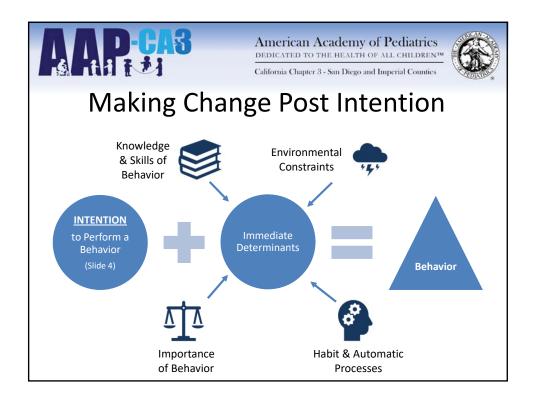


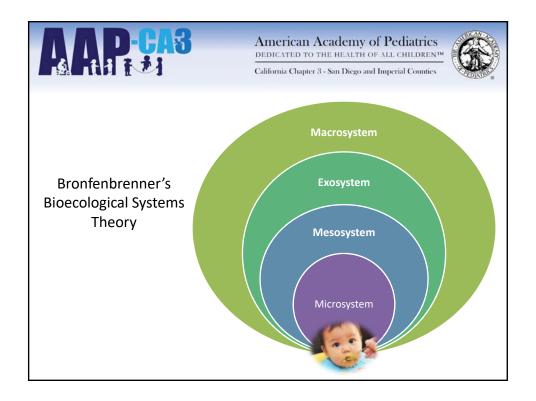
#### **Learning Objectives**

- Explore application and utility of MI with parents of children 0-5.
- Identify key components of Motivational Interviewing including OARS, the spirit and change/sustain talk.
- Practice using key components of MI.







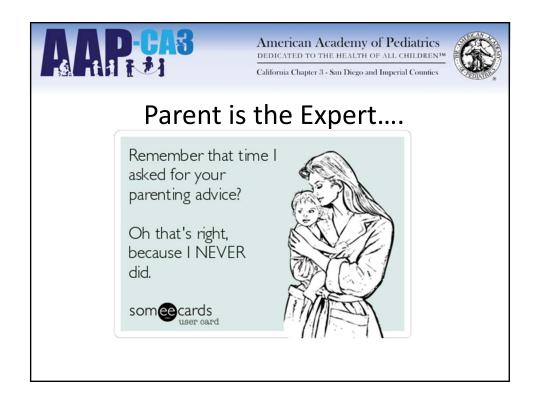


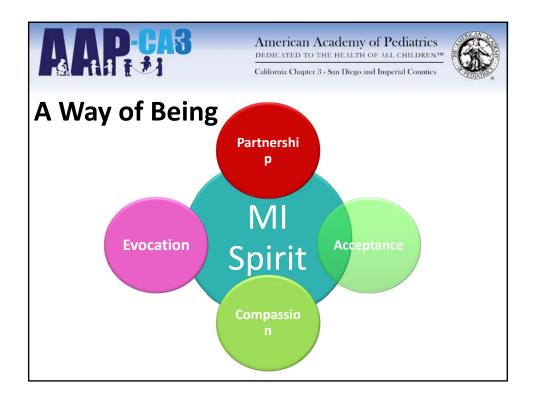


# Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health

Emphasize the importance of early caregiving relationships on brain development, attachment, and the regulation of emotions and behavior.\*

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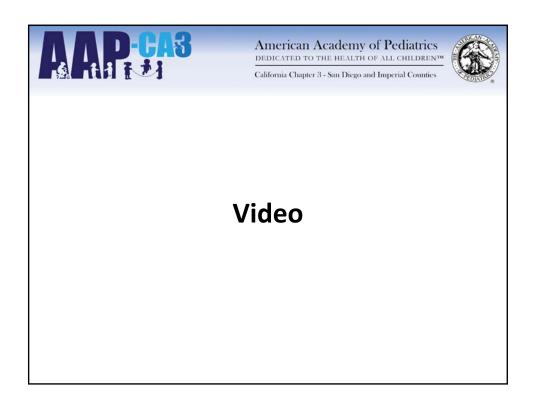


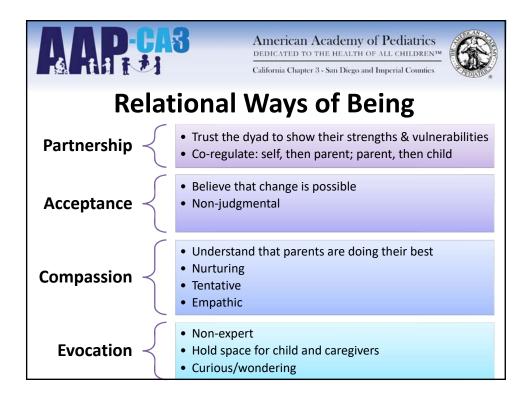


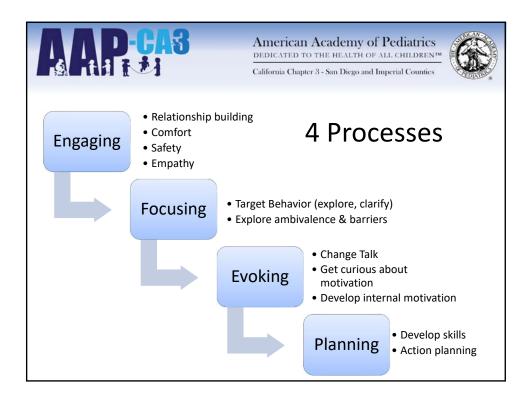


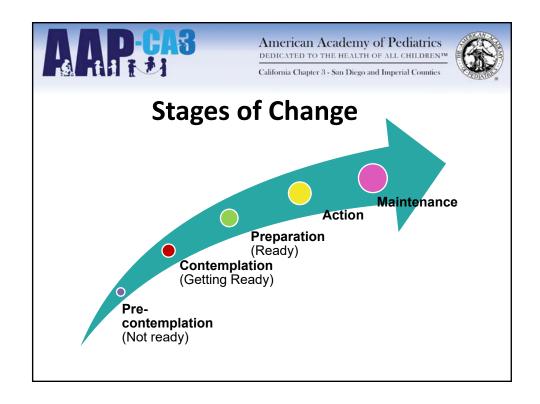
#### Let's Get the Spirit!

- Think about a parent or staff member you have worked with that may have been challenging.
- What was frustrating about their behavior?
  - o Always late or misses appointments
  - o Does not follow through
- What do you wish s/he would have changed?
  - o Be more responsible
  - o Try harder



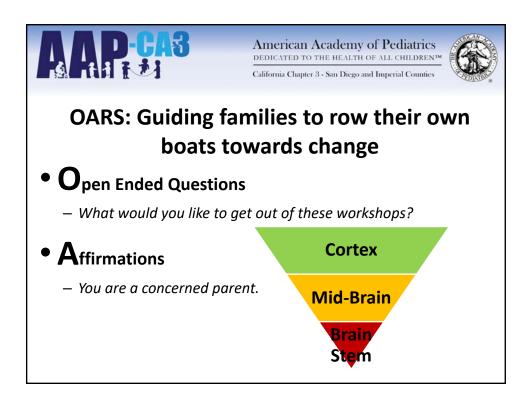








# Core Interviewing Skills: Elements Worth Adopting







#### **OARS**

#### Reflections

- Parent: It has been hard to get to the class because we had a lot of other appointments.
- Provider: It sounds like you are very busy.

## Summaries

 So it sounds like you want to learn more about discipline and routines. You are also very busy and you want to find a way to get to the workshops.



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### **Activity: Practice Using OARS**

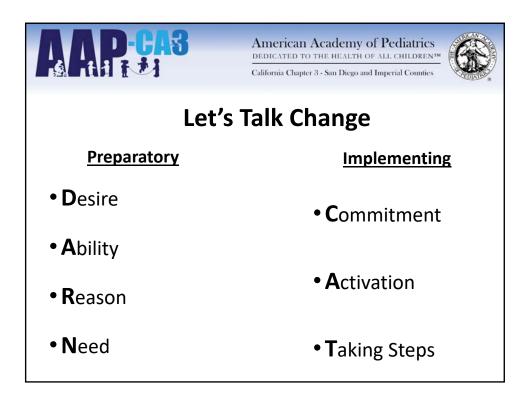
- 1. Turn to the person next to you.
- 2. Each of you will take a turn being the MI practitioner that is using OARS.
- 3. Role #1 Discuss your interest in implementing MI in your work.
  - Role #2 (MI practitioner) Respond to your partner only using open-ended questions.
- 4. Switch roles. MI practitioner may choose to use reflections instead of open-ended questions.



### **Ambivalence in Parenting**



**Ambivalence:** The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone.





# Activity: Drumming for Change

- 1. I was trained to work with children not parents.
- 2. I don't have time to implement this approach.
- 3. I need to shift my practice to help parents feel more involved.
- 4. I can't do this after one short conference presentation.
- 5. I will try the values activity with a few families.
- 6. I has been trying to leave space for more silence so parent's can think about my inquiries.
- 7. My job would be easier if parent's took home what we are doing in services (treatment).





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