

PARTICIPANTS MEETING AGREEMENTS

This is an evolving document

Common Purpose:

Collectively work to create a space where participants feel safe to share concerns, be heard, valued and supported.

We will	How?
1. Listen and be present.	Ground yourself in the space.Listen fully and actively.Seek to understand
2. Respect diverse ideas to build a safe space.	 Be mindful of language & body language. i Invite diverse viewpoints and voices. Allow space for disagreement and dialogue. Allow for vulnerability. Give others grace; assume best intentions.
3. Be open and curious to new learning/growth.	 Ask questions. Embrace new challenges. Be willing to learn from feedback Take inspiration from others. Commit to being a lifelong learner.
4. Accept all types of participation.	 Participate in any way that is comfortable: listening, pausing, passing, speaking, writing, small group work, etc. Explore and suggest different methods for participation.

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5. Respect confidentiality.	 Use information/learning gained in the meeting, but don't reveal identities or share personal stories outside of meeting. State whether you are sharing your own experience or on behalf of someone else.
6. Center our work around family, community, children.	 Perspective taking: use families and their children's experiences, needs and health to guide our decisions. Look for opportunities to engage families, children, and community in our work Apply an equity lens to explore who does and does not benefit in our interactions and decision-making. Use plain language.
7. Care for ourselves and each other.	 Take time to celebrate personal/professional success and mourn losses. Take care of our needs during meetings (washroom, food, sitting, standing etc.)