

Systems Thinking in Early Childhood: *Why Systems Thinking?*

USING SYSTEMS THINKING FOR REFLECTIVE PRACTICE

Using these questions for reflection increases our understanding of day-to-day situations. When we use systems thinking to consider the big picture, we make better decisions about our next steps.



EVENT: Fall Family Night

"Most of the families came to Fall Family Night and participated in the activities we planned."

Respond to the following systems thinking questions to increase your understanding of this event:

- Has it happened before?
- What other perspectives do I need to consider?
- What factors might have contributed to this situation?

EVENT: Morning Activity with the Children

"I tried a new activity with the children, but they weren't interested."

Respond to the following systems thinking questions to increase your understanding of this event:

- Has it happened before?
- What other perspectives do I need to consider?
- What factors might have contributed to this situation?
- What small changes can I make to engage the children in this activity?

