



# ECE Solutionary Membership At-a-Glance Handout

Month #7



## Quality Indicator Tip At-a-Glance

### #1 Spark curiosity – Curiosity is the brain’s natural reward

**system:** Most early educators know that “sparking” children’s curiosity isn’t difficult. Young children are endlessly curious about the world around them. And the great news is, children’s natural curiosity can easily be enhanced by creating space and time for exploration. Further, making sure we have “sparked” children’s curiosity to us, to the materials, and to the planned activities, ensures learning will take place.



## Professional Development Tip At-a-Glance

**Here's an adult learner tip: Use poetry as a “third thing” - a thing that leads to insight and change in practice.** According to Parker Palmer, the third thing can be a poem, but it can also be an image, a quote, a piece of music, or even a story. He further explains that the third thing is a critical component of opening up learners, helping them to feel safe, and creating opportunities to explore critical issues more deeply.



## Self-Regulation Tips At-a-Glance

- The younger the child, and the more they are exposed to early childhood stressors, the more likely a child’s response is a need vs. a want
- Tier instruction by identifying common outcomes for all children and then targeted and/or individualized outcomes related to the common outcome for those children who need it
- A paradigm shift is needed: see the child behind the behaviors and work to teach rather than punish