Ways to build a relationship with kids in care.

Children and young people come into care for various reasons. They need to have explained to them in an age appropriate way, why they are in care and how long they are likely to remain in care.

- Understand the child’s case history to see the bigger picture.
- See things from the child’s perspective.
- Respect the child or young person that you’re working with.
- Follow up on things and if there is a delay, let the child know.
- Get to know the child (for example likes, dislikes, favourite book or TV show etc).
- Be contactable whenever possible (give the child your work number if appropriate).
- Let the child know that you have other cases to work on but that the child is just as important as the others.
- Let the child know that it is okay to talk to you about things that the child does not want the carer or anyone else to know.

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