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RDI and Apprenticeship

Before your child will freely reference you when uncertain, such as in problem-solving, he or she must have achieved a foundational state of "apprenticeship" -- i.e. that state of trust and security/safety in which the child knows it will be a good feeling to reference someone for help, not a disempowering or "failure" feeling. If that is not in place as a foundation, all objectives will be difficult to achieve.

This is achieved before working on more advanced objectives (and sometimes needs to be revisited) by providing reliable experiences of competence in a wide range of experience-sharing activities on a daily basis, where the parent is

- 1 slowing down,
- 2 not moving ahead of the child,
- 3 scaffolding for competence without taking over,
- 4 not instructing/demanding/trying to "get", and
- 5 maintaining a trustworthy experience-sharing attitude and tone of love and support no matter what the child does

We are ensuring the child experiences a spacious, supportive and respectful environment within which to slow down and process what is happening and take meaningful role actions for himself.