If my good friend opened her own child care home and is providing care for several young children in addition to her own and I received a call from her saying “I have a dilemma. One of the children that I care for full time, Lily, just took her first step! It was such an exciting moment! I could tell it was going to happen so I ran and got the camera and recorded the whole thing! But then when I started thinking about sharing this with her parents, I began to have second thoughts. Her parents are so involved in her care, they ask so many questions, and mom, especially, has very mixed feelings about Lily being in child care and not being able to spend more time with her. Maybe they won’t be so excited that she took her first step at my house instead of when she was with them. Would it be dishonest if I didn’t share this information with them? My immediate response is that the parents have to be told, it’s the honest therefore the right thing to do in the situation. No matter the implications that follow it is important to be honest with the family and let them know and you do have it filmed so at least they will get to see it even if they weren't right there when it happened. The main issue is whether or not to be honest with the parents and let them know that their child took her first step when her parents weren't around. What might happen if you do tell them that this happened, will they pull her or be upset? What is the best way to handle the situation at hand. It is always important to be honest, builds that trust in a relationship. Being honest is the right thing to do in any situation even if someone gets upset with you. The disadvantages are that they might pull her because they don't want to miss too much or that they may be upset with the caregiver even though it isn't her fault. On the other hand what they don't know won’t hurt them. The next time she takes a step around them they'll think its her first and they will never know the difference. They wont feel like they missed out on her first steps. The disadvantages are if they ever did find out they would be extremely upset with the caregiver for with holding that information and they wont be up to date on their child’s development, wont know her abilities. I think that they should know that their child took a step. Honesty is the best policy and while I think that they will be upset that they missed it in the end I think they will be thankful for the honesty of the caregiver. And they will be glad it was filmed so they can keep it forever. The biggest thing is that all the caregivers should be on the same page about a child. Keeping one another up to date on what is going on with that specific child. The DRDP is a great way for teachers to show a parent where they child may be. This would be a great way to show a parent there is so much more to come in their child’s development and not to worry. I would bring my personal values into this situation. I think trust and honesty are extremely important when building relationships. So I would go with being honest with the parents and doing the right thing. I have strong morals in trying to do what is right even when it may not be the best thing for everyone involved in the situation. I would weigh the pros and cons. But in the end I think I would do what I feel is right and that is to be honest with them and show them the video. I would be sincerely apologetic that they missed out on such a big milestone. I would also try and stay as enthusiastic as possible about the whole situation and how its such a great thing that Lily has started to walk and theres so much more to come in her development. My final suggestion would be to tell the truth and show the parents the video. This is the right thing to do, and if they ended up finding out you lied then the implications would be so much worse. They might be upset but I think that they will realize that this type of stuff is going to happen with children and you cant be there for every little thing.