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Pathways to Excellence for Toddler CLASSrooms

Emotional and Behavioral Support

Engaged Support for Learning
Objective:

For participants to gain an understanding of CLASS to obtain an Excellent rating.

To learn exercises to practice to help implement the CLASS tool.
• What is CLASS?

• CLASSROOM Assessment Scoring System
An observation instrument (tool) developed to assess effective teacher-child interactions.
Domains

Emotional/Behavioral Support

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Indicators

- Positive Climate
- Negative Climate
- Teacher Sensitivity
- Regards for Child Perspective
- Behavior Guidance

- Facilitation of Learning and Development
- Quality Feedback
- Language Modeling
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Facilitation of Learning Development
This dimension considers how well the teacher facilitates activities to support children’s learning and developmental opportunities. How the teacher connects and integrates learning into activities and tasks should be included in this rating.
Active Facilitation:

- Teacher provides opportunities for exploration and learning.
- Teacher guides exploration.
- Teacher is involved in children’s activities to support learning and development.
Facilitation of Learning Development

- Expansion of Cognition:
  - Teacher provides and expands information.
  - Teacher relates information to children’s lives and experiences.
  - Teacher integrates concepts across activities and tasks.
  - Teacher encourages thinking skills.
Facilitation of Learning Development

Children’s Active Engagement

- Manipulation of materials.
- Physical involvement.
- Verbal involvement.
Facilitation of Learning Development

Name that Indicator

Participants will engage in an activity to assign scenarios and/or definitions to the correct Indicator for each Dimension.
Facilitation of Learning Development

➢ Show and tell

Participants will choose a prop and engage in an activity to demonstrate the indicator of their choice.
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Quality of Feedback
This dimension assesses the degree to which the teacher provides feedback (in response to what children say and/or do) that promotes learning and understanding and expands children’s participation.
Quality of Feedback

Scaffolding

- Hints
- Verbal or physical assistance
- Prompting thought process
Quality of Feedback

Providing Information:
- Clarity of concepts or task
- Expansion and elaboration
Quality of Feedback

- Encouragement and Affirmation

- Individualized feedback
- Specific feedback
- Recognition of effort or accomplishment
Quality of Feedback

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Language Modeling

➢ This dimension captures the quality and amount of the teacher’s use of language-stimulation and language-facilitation techniques to encourage children’s language development.
Language Modeling

- Supporting language use
  - Back/forth exchanges
  - Contingent responding
  - Open-ended questioning
Language Modeling

Repetition and Extension

- Repeats
- Extends/ elaborations
Self and Parallel Talk:

- Describes own actions with language
- Narrates children’s action with language
Advanced Language

- Variety of words and/or descriptive vocabulary
- Labeling
- Connections to familiar words and ideas
Name that Indicator

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Learn the CLASS Tool

Purchase the CLASS Manual
  ➢ $54.00 on Teachstone.com

Become CLASS Reliable (Director and/or Teacher)

Post Dimensions, Indicators and Behavioral Markers on the wall.

Engage in practice observations

Watch videos on Teachstone.com
Effective Tip to The Pathways to Excellence

- A copy of this PowerPoint is on La Believes
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