

Preschool

Early Learning and Care Assessment for Quality Improvement



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	1 or 2	3	4 or 5	Score
1. Daily and Visual Schedules	 □ Daily Schedule is not posted □ Visual Schedule is not accessible to the children □ Time is not planned for different learning experiences/learning periods. 	Daily Schedule is posted that indicates time is planned for: Outdoor play Indoor play Child and staff initiated learning experiences Time to meet children's physical needs Visual Schedule is accessible to the children Daily Schedule balances between structure and flexibility.	 □ Alternate arrangements are indicated on the Daily Schedule □ Daily Schedule is seasonally adjusted □ Visual Schedule is seasonally adjusted □ Photographs in Visual Schedule include children in the program □ Daily Visual Schedule is referred to. 	1 2 3 4 5

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3. Learning Experiences	□ Learning experiences offered do not reflect the current Program Plan □ Learning experiences offered are not developmentally-appropriate □ Learning experiences do not promote choice for children.	□ There is current documentation which demonstrates that observations of children are used in the development of learning experiences □ Learning experiences are adapted to meet any child's individual needs □ Learning experiences are based on children's interests.	 □ Photo documentation of learning experiences available □ Activity resources accessible for families □ Portfolios regarding each child's development are accessible to families □ Enrichment program, in addition to regular program, is included monthly. 	1 2 3 4 5

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4. Indoor Physical Environment	 Play equipment, toys and materials are disorganized Toys are not accessible on open shelves to children Furnishings are in poor condition Room set-up does not allow for supervision of children. 	 □ The play environment is arranged into learning areas that are open and accessible throughout the day □ The play environment is designed to promote participation and peer interactions □ The play environment is designed to promote independent use by children □ Floor space with suitable floor coverings is available □ Safe storage space available for equipment/toys and materials □ Safe mirror at child's eye level in the playroom □ Two or more educational play materials reflecting people with disabilities are accessible in two areas □ Two or more educational play materials reflecting diverse people/cultures are accessible in two areas. 	 Organized storage space available Time is scheduled daily for staff to prepare materials in advance of learning experiences Environment adjusted to meet the needs of children Child height windows in doors/walls to see out Two or more educational play materials reflecting people with disabilities are accessible in at least three areas Two or more educational play materials reflecting diverse people/cultures are accessible in at least three areas. 	1 2 3 4 5

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5. Displays	 No displays posted More than half of the children's art work is product-oriented, not process-oriented Displays are arranged in a segregated manner. 	 □ At least three displays include children's own artwork as well as adult-made and/or commercial materials □ Displays are: □ Reflective of children's recent activities □ Developmentally-appropriate □ Culturally-appropriate and free of bias □ Two or more displays include people with disabilities □ Two or more displays include cultures/races □ Two or more displays include family structures □ As much as possible, displays are at child's eye level □ Photographs of current children and/or families are displayed. 	 □ Additional displays are placed throughout the environment □ Displays include family involvement in activities and/or events □ Displays promote inclusion in daily living □ Displays include children in the room participating in activities and experiences □ Two or more displays are in more than one language □ Children's three-dimensional creations are on display. 	1 2 3 4 5



6. Sensory, Science and Nature No materials for science and nature learning experiences No materials for sensory learning experiences No equipment for sensory learning experiences. Sensory opportunities accessible Sensory opportunities of experience natural objects and/or documented daily Seprenanent sensory equipment accessible to children in the play environment Service of extended science and nature projects.	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	
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7. Art	 No equipment for art learning experiences No materials for art learning experiences Art equipment is in poor condition Art materials are in poor condition Children have access to toxic art materials. 	A sufficient number of the following art materials are accessible: Painting and drawing Modelling materials Collage materials Printmaking Three-dimensional materials include diverse skin tones Equipment for art learning experiences is accessible to children.	 ⊃ Two or more art learning experiences planned and/or documented daily □ Evidence of extended art projects □ Art projects are incorporated into other areas □ Three or more art mediums are used in planned and/or documented learning experiences. 	1 2 3 4 5



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8. Books	 Books are in poor condition Books are not accessible for independent use Less than two developmentally-appropriate books for each child enrolled 	 Books reflect three or more topics Three or more books contain real images of people and/or objects Two or more books which include diverse people/cultures are accessible 	 Books for rotation are available Books are incorporated into one other learning area Books are incorporated into three or more other learning areas 	1 2
	□ Area does not include soft seating and/or cushions for sitting.	 ☐ Two or more books which include people with disabilities are accessible ☐ One book accessory is accessible in the book area. 	☐ Two or more books relate to current Program Plan☐ Homemade books are accessible	3
		accession in the peak area.	☐ Three or more books which include people with disabilities are accessible	4
			☐ Three or more books which include diverse people/cultures are accessible	5
			☐ Two or more book accessories are accessible in the book area☐ Two or more print materials are accessible.	



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9. Language and Literacy	□ Staff do not read to children daily □ Writing materials are not accessible □ Language and literacy toys/puzzles are not accessible.	 □ Three or more writing materials are accessible □ Two or more language and literacy toys or puzzles are accessible □ Toy bins and/or shelves are labelled with words and/or pictures. 	 □ Language and literacy opportunities are integrated into one other area □ Toy bins and shelves are labelled with words and pictures ○ Two or more language and literacy learning experiences are planned and/or documented daily □ Children have exposure to different languages □ Staff use more than one form of communication □ Staff provide opportunities for families to access literacy materials □ Community language and literacy experiences available to the children monthly. 	1 2 3 4 5



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10. Music and Accessories	 □ Loud background music interferes with learning experiences □ Music is not appropriate for the age group □ Radio is played when children are present □ Staff do not sing to children daily. 	 Three or more different types of music are available to be played to children Three or more different types of musical instruments are accessible to children Musical instruments are in good condition. 	 Two or more music and movement learning experiences are planned and/or documented weekly Staff sing/play songs from different cultures Props are used to enhance music experiences Audio playlists are available. 	1 2 3
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11. Physical Play Learning Experiences	 □ No planned and/or documented physical play learning experiences □ Physical play learning experiences are not offered during inclement weather □ Indoor gross motor equipment is not available. 	 □ Children are given a choice of two or more planned and/or documented physical play learning experiences daily □ Developmentally-appropriate physical play learning experiences are planned to ensure all children are able to participate □ Staff are engaged in planned and/or documented physical play learning experiences with the children. 	 □ Children are given the opportunity to lead outdoor learning experiences □ Designated safe space for indoor physical play learning experiences available ○ Children are given a choice of two or more planned and/or documented physical play learning experiences for both the morning and afternoon. 	1 2 3 4 5



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12. Blocks and Construction	 □ Block and construction materials are not accessible □ Block and construction accessories are not accessible □ Block and construction materials are in poor condition □ Block and construction accessories are in poor condition □ Block and construction materials are incomplete □ Block and construction accessories are incomplete. 	 □ Three or more developmentally-appropriate block and construction materials are accessible □ Three or more developmentally-appropriate block and construction accessories are accessible □ Children are able to combine materials from other areas. 	 □ Block and construction materials are available for rotation □ Block and construction materials include three or more textures ○ Two or more block and construction learning experiences are planned and/or documented weekly □ On-going project work is saved. 	1 2 3 4 5



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13. Cognitive and Manipulative	□ Cognitive and manipulative materials are not accessible □ Cognitive and manipulative materials are in poor condition □ Cognitive and manipulative materials are incomplete.	 □ Three or more different types of cognitive and manipulative materials are accessible □ Two complete toys for each child enrolled are accessible □ Cognitive and manipulative materials are developmentally-appropriate. 	 □ Additional cognitive and manipulative materials are available for rotation □ One planned and/or documented cognitive and manipulative learning experience offered weekly to enhance knowledge of math concepts □ One planned and/or documented cause and effect learning experience offered weekly. 	1 2 3 4 5



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14. Dramatic Play	 □ Insufficient accessories and equipment for the number of children enrolled □ Accessories and equipment are in poor condition □ Accessories and equipment are not developmentally-appropriate 	 □ Accessories and equipment encourage three or more role-playing possibilities that reflect the Program Plan focus □ Accessories and equipment reflect cultural diversity □ Mirror is accessible in the dramatic area. 	 □ Three or more dramatic prop boxes are available for rotation □ Dramatic play area includes real items that are developmentally-appropriate □ Three or more accessories are culturally diverse □ Child's full body-length mirror is accessible in the room □ Literacy is incorporated into the dramatic play area □ Accessories are added and built upon daily □ Children create props and accessories for the dramatic play area. 	1 2 3 4 5

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15. Electronic Media Usage	 TV/Movie watching is not documented on the Program Plan No planned and/or documented alternate learning experiences when TV/Movies are shown TV/Movie usage exceeds 45 minutes per week No guidelines in place for computer/electronic game usage Time is not limited or allocated equitably No guidelines in place for Internet usage. 	 Information, including the name and length of the TV/Movie is documented on the Program Plan Parent/guardians are notified in advance of all TV/Movie watching TV/Movie content is rated "Family" or "G" Posted guidelines are followed for computer/electronic game usage Games are rated "E" for Everyone Evidence that parent/guardians are notified of Internet usage. 	Alternate activities are equally interesting to children Electronic media are used by staff and children to extend topics of interest Information is accessible to parent/guardians on effective use of media for learning Three or more educational games and computer/electronic programs are available.	1 2 3 4 5 N/A



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16. Toileting and Diapering Routines	 □ Current Regional Public Health toileting routine not posted ○ Current Regional Public Health diapering routine not posted ○ Current Regional Public Health potty routine not posted ○ No change table/mat available □ Sufficient supplies are not available to ensure toileting/potty and diapering procedures are followed ○ Separate covered garbage is not being used for sanitary disposal of soiled diapers □ Washroom is not adapted for use by all children. 	 Posted procedures for toileting/potty and diapering are followed by staff Change table/mat in good condition Toileting and diapering is unhurried Toileting and diapering is viewed as an opportunity to interact with children Toileting and diapering is viewed as an opportunity to encourage self-help skills Washroom area includes a mirror at child's eye level. 	 □ Child-size sink is accessible in the washroom ○ Centre provides additional diapering supplies when required □ Picture symbol schedule depicting toileting routine is visually accessible at child's eye level while using the toilet □ Toilets are accessible within the room. 	1 2 3 4 5



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17. Meal and/or Snack Times	 □ Food is used as a reward or punishment □ No conversations and/or interactions occur during meal and/or snack times □ Individual children's needs are not met during meal and/or snack times. 	 □ Children are encouraged to eat food, but never forced □ Meal and/or snack times are viewed as a time for socialization and conversation □ Staff sit with children while serving food at the table □ Children sit in small groups. 	□ Staff use meal and/or snack times as opportunities for enhanced language learning □ Children self-serve all foods □ Children assist with lunch/snack routines.	1 2 3 4 5



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18. Equipment Required for Eating and Seating	 □ Insufficient eating utensils and dishes □ Insufficient seating for children □ No adult seating. 	 Developmentally-appropriate eating utensils and dishes are available to support individual feeding needs and adapted as required Food is served on dishes or napkins Seating available to meet the developmental needs of the children enrolled. 	 Extra utensils and dishes are available for easy access All seating is washable, including cushioned seating Running water is located in the room. 	1 2 3
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 □ Cots are not designated □ Cots are used for storage □ Extra bedding is not available □ Cots are in poor condition. 	 □ The sleeping area has a cot designated for each child □ Areas around cots are hazard-free □ Sheets are changed once a week or sooner, if needed □ Cots are disinfected weekly □ Cot set-up does not interfere with the program. 	 □ Sleep routines meet the needs of the children □ Resting environment includes soft music and dimmed lighting □ Children are allowed to bring a soft toy and/or bedding from home. 	1 2 3 4 5 N/A



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20. Health and Safety	One or more areas in the room is/are not in a state of good repair One or more areas in the room is/are not hygienic One or more areas in the room is/are not safe.	First aid kit is available in the room All areas accessible to children are: Kept in a state of good repair Safe Maintained in a hygienic condition Organized.	On-site and/or on-call maintenance staff deal with physical plant issues promptly Safety-related resources are accessible to families Health-related resources are accessible to families Safety/health resources are accessible to families in their preferred language.	1 2 3 4 5 5



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21. Toys and Play Equipment Washing	 □ No schedule for toy washing does not meet Regional Public Health guidelines □ Toys and play equipment are not washed as they become soiled. 	 □ Schedule for toy washing meets Regional Public Health guidelines □ Toys and play equipment washing schedule is signed and/or initialled and dated by staff □ Toys and play equipment are consistently washed as they become soiled. 	 □ Toys and play equipment schedule identifies categories of toys and play equipment ○ Transitional toys used prior to meal and/or snack times are washed after each use □ Playground and indoor gross motor toys are washed a minimum of two times a year. 	1 2 3 4 5



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Hand Hygiene	 □ Current Regional Public Health hand washing procedures are not posted □ Current Regional Public Health hand-washing procedures are not followed □ Sufficient supplies are not accessible to ensure hand washing is conducted in a hygienic manner. 	 ○ Current Regional Public Health hand sanitizing procedures are posted □ Evidence Supervisor reviews hand washing expectations with staff. 	□ A sink is accessible in the room □ Child-size sink is accessible in the room. □ Real photographs are used for visual hand washing procedure	1 2 3 4 5



23. Transitions Extended waiting during transitions Children are not transitioned in small groups Positive interactions occur between staff and children during transitions Transitions are conducted in a smooth and seamless manner. Transition play materials are available. Transition play materials are Transition play materials Transition play materials Transition play play play play play play play play		Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	
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	23. Transitions	 Extended waiting during transitions Children are not transitioned in small groups Staff do not prepare children 	 □ Children are consistently transitioned in small groups □ Positive interactions occur between staff and children during transitions □ Transitions are conducted in a 	 □ Staff facilitate transitions to meet individual children's needs □ Learning experiences are planned and/or documented for transitions □ Transition play materials are 	2
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24. Attendance Verification	 □ No system of attendance verification in place □ Attendance records do not accurately reflect the number of children present □ Arrival and departure times are not completed in pen. 	 □ Children's arrival and departure times are always recorded on the Main Attendance Record ○ Small groups of children who have left the room are reflected on the Main Attendance Record ○ Portable attendance travels with each group □ Attendance is verbally verified after staff transitions □ Attendance is verbally verified after children's transitions. 	 □ Staff are the recorders of the children's arrival and departure times □ Written verification of attendance after each staff change □ Written verification of attendance after each group transition □ Visual attendance used. 	1 2 3 4 5



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25. Positive Atmosphere	☐ Staff use sarcasm, mocking or harsh words ☐ Staff shout at children	□ Staff are welcoming□ Staff maintain a positive tone of voice	☐ Staff demonstrate flexibility ☐ Staff use teachable moments to further develop positive social behaviours	1
	□ Staff are repeatedly impatient□ Staff repeatedly interrupt while others are talking	☐ Staff are patient ☐ Staff model appropriate positive social behaviour	☐ Staff display empathy.	2
	☐ Staff are repeatedly disrespectful.	☐ Staff direct positive attention to all children.		3
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26. Supervision of Children	 Staff unaware of the number of children in the room Staff unaware of the location of the children Staff repeatedly do not scan the room Staff repeatedly position themselves with their back to the children Staff are repeatedly unable to balance supervision with interactions. 	 □ Staff scan the room at all times □ Staff work as a team to position themselves so all children are supervised □ Staff consistently balance supervision with interactions □ Staff anticipate situations to support children's interactions and learning experiences. 	 □ Staff communicate with each other about the location of children □ Staff are seamlessly weaving from one learning experience to another, balancing support with monitoring and supervision □ Supervision is conducted in a non-disruptive manner. 	1 2 3 4 5



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27. Foster Children's Independence	□ Staff do not follow the children's cues □ Staff repeatedly do not allow children to make their own decisions □ Staff repeatedly do not encourage developmentally-appropriate self-help skills.	□ Staff consistently follow the children's cues □ Children are provided with choices □ Staff provide time for children to complete tasks.	Children are provided with choices within their interests Staff provide spontaneous resources to allow the child to follow their own learning path Staff create opportunities for enhancing self-help skills through play.	1 2 3 4 5
	encourage developmentally-	complete tasks.	enhancing self-help skills	4



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28. Supporting the Development of Self-Esteem	 □ Staff do not demonstrate inclusive practice □ Staff repeatedly only use terms of endearment □ Staff repeatedly give too many directions for a child to follow successfully □ Staff repeatedly do not show encouragement □ Staff repeatedly do not acknowledge children's emotions appropriately. 	□ Staff address children by their real name □ Staff consistently demonstrate inclusive practices □ Staff break down directions into individual steps □ Staff focus encouragement on how the tasks are completed □ Staff role-model how to accomplish tasks.	 □ Staff assist children to process their own emotions □ Staff encourage children to identify the emotions of others □ Staff use key words with children in their preferred language. 	1 2 3



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29. Behaviour Guidance Staff are physically abrupt with children Staff expectations repeatedly do not match the developmental level of children Staff repeatedly explain consequences in an abrupt manner Staff repeatedly explain consequences in an abrupt manner Staff repeatedly do not use appropriate behaviour guidance strategies Staff repeatedly do not follow through with strategies. Staff repeatedly do not follow through with strategies. Staff repeatedly do not follow through with strategies. Staff respectations based on the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff respectations based on the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff respectations based on the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff respect to all children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff monitor group dynamics to anticipate situations Children demonstrate awareness of classroom expectations Staff expectations based on the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff respectation staff respectation stategies Staff monitor group dynamics to anticipate situations Children demonstrate awareness of classroom expectations Staff expectations to resolve the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Staff respectation staff respectation staff respectation staff respectations to a calm manner Staff used velopmentally appropriate the involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Children demonstrate awareness of classroom expectations Staff respectations on the individual needs of the children involved in the incident, to resolve the issue in a calm manner Children demonstrate awareness of classroom expectations on the individual needs of the children involved	1 2 3 4 5



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30. Supporting Development of Communication Skills	 □ Staff do not initiate verbal/non-verbal interactions □ Staff repeatedly do not build on or expand on verbal/non-verbal interactions 	 □ Verbal/non-verbal interactions are a balance of teacher and child directed □ Staff model active listening skills 	□ Staff extend verbal/non-verbal interactions with materials □ Staff extend children's vocabulary	1
	□ Staff repeatedly do not role- model developmentally- appropriate descriptions and directions	☐ Staff are observed participating in play with children.	☐ Staff encourage verbal/non- verbal interactions between children.	2
	☐ Staff repeatedly do not ask open-ended questions.			3
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Learning child □ Staff oppore know □ Staff	f repeatedly solve the dren's problems immediately f repeatedly miss ortunities to build children's wledge f repeatedly do not allow dren to try for themselves.	 □ Staff encourage children to find solutions □ Staff support children to follow through with strategies □ Staff support the children's learning. 	□ Staff balance the abilities of the child with the complexity of the learning outcomes □ Staff recall past experiences to extend current learning opportunities □ Staff are responsive to learning opportunities.	1 2 3 4