

Module 3 Stars

Celebrating Child Growth



Objective- The student will give examples of children developing at their own rate.

Discussion Qs in your groups:

1. How are observation and knowledge of individual development connected?

1. How can understanding a child's development inform teaching and caring for that child?

Consider the following highlights of understanding and observing development

- Children have individual temperaments, development, learning styles, experiences and family backgrounds.
- Understanding development helps us.
- In order to fully understand development you must observe over time.
- Teachers benefit from observations.
- Children develop at their own rate.
- Information gathered through observations should be used to improve learning.

Objective vs. Subjective Observations

Objective:

Observable
Factual
Describable
Countable
Truthful

Subjective:

Opinion
Judgment
Assumption
Belief
Rumor
Suspicion

Confidentiality

Means that any observation you capture will not be revealed to others besides the family or approved staff who also works with the child. In addition, you must not leave written materials where others can see them or discuss a child in front of other parents or children.



Data

Ongoing and systematic observation of the children will provide you with the information you need in order to offer quality care and comply with the WAC requirements to: