

Engaging Families in the Ongoing Child Assessment Guidance

Purpose

This document describes why it's important to include families in the ongoing assessment of their children.

Guidance

Assessment is an evaluation of children's development and learning. Assessment information is used to understand children's strengths and needs and provides important information to help set individual school readiness goals.

Families as Teachers

Families are their child's first teacher and know their child best. It is important that every family is involved in meaningful ways to support their child's school readiness. For families, school readiness means they are engaged in the lifelong success of their child. Site teams are committed to working with families as full partners in this process.

Family Input

Families have important information to share about their child's skills and abilities and must be given the opportunity to share information about their child. Incorporate family input and teacher observations into the summary of the child's skills, knowledge, and interests on the *Individual School Readiness Goal Planning Form*.

Family Engagement

The teacher or home visitor partners with the family to complete the *Individual School Readiness Goal Planning Form* based on the ongoing assessment of the child. Teachers/Home Visitors and families share the child's current interests, abilities, and needs and together they plan how to support the child's development and school readiness goals at home and in the classroom. The assessment of children allows them to plan individualized and developmentally appropriate activities.

Related Documents

Individual School Readiness Goal Planning Form
Ongoing Child Assessment Procedure