

SEMINAR EVALUATION
Granby Early Childhood Council
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Topic: Revisit of Observation and Assessment and Planning
Summary of all Comments Received:

During this workshop session, I learned:

- The value of objective observation and how hard it is to do.
- Everything gelled!!!
- A lot of hands-on observation, info and one-on-one chatting
- More about note/verbiage during observations
- I learned that there is a CT State Dept. of Ed Preschool Assessment Framework and how to use them
- How to see where a child is in a standard/objective and see suggestions to move them up
- I was reminded of the importance of multiple observations in each developmental area
- Observe objectively – take note of detail
- How to use observations in conjunction with the assessment frameworks

The most useful part of today's training session for me was:

- The discussion about how to use a child's strength (the boy's advanced writing ability) to help him work on a weakness (the boy's lack of social skills). It made me go "hmmm" for several children I know.
- Observation practice and teacher responses
- Working in small groups for ideas and how to really USE the framework
- Group discussion
- Understanding the need for planning for preschool
- The Infant/Toddler Assessments
- Talking to other infant teachers from family centers
- Try to create a system that works for my situation

Here is what I plan to do in my classroom as a result of today's training:

- Work harder at not judging and at trying to use observation to work on a child's strengths and weaknesses.
- Establish a system that works for me
- Observe- Observe-Observe
- Take more meaningful observation notes
- Take more notes to keep for me to assess
- I will focus more time on entering my notes into the creative curriculum developmental continuum
- Plan activities that help all children to be successful on all levels of development

I still have questions or concerns about:

- Let's continue to do observations tied to performance standards – maybe one at the beginning of each workshop
- None – answered all my questions
- Putting it all together

I would like to share with the trainer the following suggestions/comments: