

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

During this workshop session, I learned:

- to have a goal in mind – not just a “fun” activity
- more about the organization of the framework assessment
- how many skills can be taught with just one toy or tool
- more about state standards
- the value of simple games that can lead into complex ideas
- to look at a standard and choose/plan an activity...then find other standards based on the activity that are satisfied by the activity

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

- hands-on experience – using the materials handed out
- attaching activities/lessons to the standards
- the small group workshop
- talk about hands-on how to do it!
- Playing games – cards, pig game, stacking cups and learning everyone else's ideas, thoughts
- the handouts for infants and toddlers

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

- I feel like I am always observing my 14 month old child, but now I want to have more purpose for everything I do with him...I will set more goals/objectives – to be more conscious of what I am doing with him – this is very interesting
- I need to organize my thoughts...look at classroom record sheet in assessment packets
- to ask for more feedback, more “whys” to see what the child is really understanding
- observing and planning to go with frameworks
- think more about what I say and what I really am looking for
- more planning and sorting

I still have questions or concerns about:

- it is difficult to sit down and read “all this stuff” - I know after more and more use it will get easier
- I am a special ed teacher. I work with children individually or in small groups – how it will work for me
- how to encourage kids to explore areas they're weak in – how to move beyond their comfort zone to learn the things that are “hard” for them
- n/a -starting to use for conferences asap, so I'm hoping I'm doing the right thing!
- Unconscious incompetence in this area

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

- I loved the shared knowledge and experience of the linking of verbal and math and social skills

