

Family Child Care: Professionalism Competency Reflection

Competency Reflection

Each statement below refers to behaviors or attributes you should demonstrate when interacting with children and families. Many of the competencies are directly observable during your typical workday. Other competencies may be assessed through conversations with your trainer, coach, or administrator. For each of the statements, select your current level of mastery. A similar version of this tool will be used by your trainer, coach, or administrator to guide their observation of your competencies in this content area.

E Emerging

You believe you need more information to understand or incorporate a particular competency into your practice

D Developing

You believe you have an understanding of the competency, and are working to properly apply it your work

M Mastered

You believe you have fully mastered and consistently implement a particular competency

COMPETENCY	REFLECTION			NOTES
I Direct Observation				
1 Demonstrate professionalism in appearance, attitude and in communication with children, youth, and families.	E	D	M	
2 Demonstrate professionalism in work ethic.	E	D	M	
3 Provide a variety of developmental experiences and activities for children and youth.	E	D	M	
4 Model developmentally appropriate expectations about children's and youths' behaviors.	E	D	M	
5 Actively prevent challenging behavior.	E	D	M	
6 Demonstrate an interest in children, youth, and families and make an effort to get to know them.	E	D	M	
7 Prepare for each day and communicate clearly with children, families, and coaches or trainers.	E	D	M	
8 Maintain a positive outlook about situations and people.	E	D	M	
II Observation or Conversation				
1 Model a strong knowledge base in the area of early care and education.	E	D	M	
2 Maintain professional interpersonal relationships with families.	E	D	M	
3 Keep information about children, youth, and families confidential.	E	D	M	

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4 Acknowledge and honor individual differences in growth, gender, cultural background, family income, abilities, or family composition.	E	D	M	
5 Demonstrate an understanding of Service's regulations, standards, and expectations for professional behavior.	E	D	M	
6 Consult with a coach, trainer or family child care administrator for guidance with difficult situations.	E	D	M	
7 View families as partners in their children's care and invite their input.	E	D	M	
8 Highlight children's and youths' successes and communicate their positive attributes to families.	E	D	M	
9 Plan bias-free experiences and activities.	E	D	M	
10 Celebrate the contributions of families.	E	D	M	
11 Acknowledge the importance of self-care and practice self-awareness.	E	D	M	

IV Concluding Reflections

My overall strengths in this area:

I want to strengthen my practice in:

COMPETENCY

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My plans to achieve these goals: