Developmentally Appropriate Environment: Infant/Toddler Classroom Checklist

| Classroom Name: ______________________________ | Date of Observation: __________________ |

5 Interest Areas:

1) ________________________________

2) ________________________________

3) ________________________________

4) ________________________________

5) ________________________________

All Domains Required:
- □ Approaches to Learning
- □ Cognitive & General Knowledge
- □ Language Development & Communication
- □ Social & Emotional Development
- □ Health & Physical Development

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3 Required:
- □ Interactions are positive/neutral
- □ Staff and children appear to enjoy being with each other
- □ Staff use communication that is DAP and have DAP expectations for children’s behavior

2 Required:
- □ Staff are in close proximity with children and uses communication to expand on activities
- □ Staff provide opportunities for peer interaction
- □ Staff are observed having turn-taking conversation with children
- □ Staff offer at least one staff initiated language activity

Required:
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All Required and must be accessible:
- □ one book for each child at all times
- □ 6 different types of fine motor materials
- □ 6 different types of art materials (for classrooms with children over 12 months)
- □ Two sets of 10-20 blocks (for classrooms with children over 12 months)
- □ 5 different examples of dramatic play materials
- □ 6 different types of math/number materials

Choose 1:
- □ Interest areas available for children for majority of the day
- □ Quiet areas are away from noisy areas
- □ WMELS or SACF information shared to families

Required: 3 Interest areas **must** offer children varied levels of difficulty and/or address different learning styles:

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### Developmentally Appropriate Environment: School Age Classroom Checklist

**Classroom Name:** ____________________

**Date of Observation:** ____________________

**5 Interest Areas:**

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**All Content Areas Required:**

- Health and Wellness
- Media and Technology
- STEM
- Arts and Culture
- Global Learning
- Language, Literacy & Numeracy
- Service Learning
- Environmental Learning
- Social Emotional

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**2 Required:**

- ☐ Staff are in close proximity with children and uses communication to expand on activities
- ☐ Staff provide opportunities for peer interaction
- ☐ Staff are observed having turn-taking conversation with children
- ☐ Staff offer at least one staff initiated language activity

**Required:**

- ☐ Uninterrupted free play - 50 consecutive minutes/less than 4 hours per day – 30 consecutive minutes (If outdoor play predominates the schedule, all interest areas must be available and easily accessible to children during the 50 minutes of uninterrupted play time.)

**All Required and must be accessible:**

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3. ______________________________________
## Developmentally Appropriate Environment: School Age Program/Day Camp Only

| Classroom/Group Name: ____________________________ | All Content Areas Required: |
| Date of Observation: ____________________________ | Health and Wellness |
| 5 Interest Areas: | Media and Technology |
| 1) ____________________________ | STEM |
| 2) ____________________________ | Arts and Culture |
| 3) ____________________________ | Global Learning |
| 4) ____________________________ | Language, Literacy & Numeracy |
| 5) ____________________________ | Service Learning |
| Environment Learning | |
| Social Emotional |

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**2 Required:**
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- [ ] WMELS or SACF information shared with families If yes, how verified ________________

**Required: 3 Interest areas must offer children varied levels of difficulty and/or address different learning styles:**

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
Developmentally Appropriate Environment: Family Child Care Program

Date of Observation: __________________

5 Interest Areas:
1) ________________________________
2) ________________________________
3) ________________________________
4) ________________________________
5) ________________________________

DAP activities and practices are engaging, comforting, culturally sensitive and compassionate.
- Interactions are positive/neutral
- Provider and children appear to enjoy being with each other
- Provider uses communication that is DAP / has DAP expectations for children’s behavior

2 Required:
- Provider is in close proximity with children and uses communication to expand on activities
- Provider provides opportunities for peer interaction
- Provider is observed having turn-taking conversation with children
- Provider offers at least one staff initiated language activity

Required:
- 50 consecutive uninterrupted minutes free play
  (If outdoor play predominates schedule, all interest areas must be available to children during uninterrupted play.)

Required and must be easily accessible:
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