

Direct Care Practice Inventory

Use the following list of practices to assess your own ability to support children with challenging behaviors. Each statement below refers to behaviors or attributes you should demonstrate when interacting with and supporting children that exhibit challenging behavior. For each of the statements, reflect on your own practices and select your current level of mastery. This tool may also be used by your trainer, coach, or administrator to observe your practices in this content area and support professional development goals.

E

Emerging

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

D

Developing

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

M

Mastered

You believe you have mastered and consistently implement a particular practice

COMPETENCY		RATE: E/D/M	NOTES
A	Demonstrates developmentally appropriate expectations for children's behavior		
B	Attends to children's needs and engages in positive, nurturing interactions		
C	Teaches expectations for desired behaviors		
D	Creates and follows a predictable schedule with minimal transitions		
E	Engages in back-and-forth interactions with children		
F	Uses positive verbal and non-verbal communication		
G	Teaches children how to recognize and label their emotions		
H	Uses targeted supports such as first-then cards, scripted stories, or visual schedules with a small number of children in the classroom		
I	Uses A-B-C observations to document children's challenging behavior		
J	Understands how certain behaviors or situations influence their emotions		
K	Identifies children that struggle to follow classroom routines & expectations		
L	Follows and monitors established behavior support plans		
M	Provides experiences where children can work cooperatively with others		
N	Provides a balance of learning activities throughout the day (active & quiet, small & whole group, child & teacher directed)		
O	Offers a safe, engaging, and developmentally appropriate learning environment		

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Concluding Reflections

My overall strengths in this area:

Practices that I would like to improve include:

Plans for achieving these goals include: