

Organizing Spaces for Development and Learning Best Practices Checklist

	Yes	No	Notes
Environment is clean and safe.			
There are clearly designated spaces for a variety of learning and play activities.			
All materials, furniture, and contents are appropriate for the age and size of children or youth in the program.			
The environment communicates important messages to children by the display of their artwork, pictures, and names, and images of families.			
Staff members communicate regularly about the physical environment.			
The environment is changed when needed to reflect children's interests or needs.			
Staff members look to the environment first when there is challenging behavior.			
Materials are stored in a way that promotes independence and easy use (low, open shelves; labels).			