

# Environment Rating Scales

## Health and Safety in ECERS-R and ITERS-R

### **ERS Scales**

- ❖ Space and Furnishings
- ❖ Personal Care Routines
- ❖ Listening and Talking (ITERS-R and FCCERS-R) or Language-Reasoning (ECERS-R)
- ❖ Activities
- ❖ Interaction
- ❖ Program Structure
- ❖ Parents and Staff (ITERS-R and ECERS-R or Parents and Provider (FCCERS-R))

### **Health and Safety in “Space and Furnishings”**

- ✓ Safe, cleanable equipment/surfaces and supplies
- ✓ Lighting, temperature control/ventilation, sound absorption
- ✓ Maintenance and repair
- ✓ Program functions enabled by space and equipment
- ✓ Furniture for routine care and play, diapering/toileting, sized for intended use by children & teachers/caregivers; no group feeding table, knees under/elbows above tables

### **Health and Safety in “Personal Care Routines”**

- ✓ Greeting and departure health info sharing
- ✓ Meals/Snacks
- ✓ Nap/Safe Sleep for Infants
- ✓ Diapering/Toileting
- ✓ Health Practices (hand washing, tooth brushing)
- ✓ Safety Practices (learning safety rules)

### **Health and Safety in “Activities”**

- ✓ Active physical play (outdoors and indoors; surfaces, shade, wind, drainage, materials)
- ✓ Safe art materials
- ✓ Music background, noise control
- ✓ Sand, water, TV

### **Health and Safety in “Interaction”**

- ✓ Supervision
- ✓ Peer interaction
- ✓ Staff-child interaction
- ✓ Discipline

### **Health and Safety in “Program Structure”**

- ✓ Supervision during play
- ✓ Scheduling routines (meals, activity, handwashing)
- ✓ Provision for children with disabilities

### **Health and Safety in “*Parents and Staff*”**

- ✓ Referrals for health concerns
- ✓ Policies such as exchange of health info, managing infections, safety, nutrition
- ✓ Occupational health
- ✓ Staff duties defined, evaluated
- ✓ Orientation on emergency, safety and health

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