ECERS-3 (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale®, Third Edition)


For more than 30 years, the ERS tools continue to be the most reliable instruments to measure the global quality of early childhood programs.

The widely used ECERS-3 focuses on the full range of needs of preschool- and kindergarten-aged children.

Appropriate for inclusive and culturally diverse programs, ECERS-3 is effective for: state and district-wide QRIS, CCDF quality set-aside initiatives, pre-K system assessment, program evaluation, coaching and professional development, continuous quality improvement, teacher self-evaluation, monitoring by agency staff, research, and teacher education.

ECERS-3 is suitable for public and private programs as well as faith-based programs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1) What developmental needs does ECERS-3 address?
   ✓ Cognitive ✓ Social-emotional ✓ Physical ✓ Health & Safety

2) What new ECERS-3 Items focus on children's cognitive development in the areas of language, literacy, and math?
   ➢ Five additional Language and Literacy Items
     • Helping children expand vocabulary
     • Encouraging children to use language
     • Staff use of books with children
     • Encouraging children's use of books
     • Becoming familiar with print
   ➢ Three additional Math Items
     • Math materials and activities
     • Math in daily events
     • Understanding written numbers

3) What other enhancements have been made to ECERS-R?
   • Emphasis on matching teacher interactions to a child's abilities and interests.
   • Focus on key elements related to children's readiness for school, including language, literacy, math, and science.
   • Stronger method of distinguishing between good and truly excellent programs.
   • All indicators are observable, eliminating the need for a staff interview.
   • Detailed, helpful notes for clarification.

4) Will I be able to continue using ECERS-R?
   Yes! and the new scale will offer a smooth transition when you are ready to change over to ECERS-3.

5) What training is available for ECERS-3?
   • ERSi Online Introductory Course. For further information contact: www.ersi.info or call 919-438-2379.
   • ERSi live training with supervised field practice. For further information contact: www.ersi.info.

For more information on the Environment Rating Scales, visit www.tcpress.com/ERS

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