ITERS-3 (Infant/Toddler 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.

ITERS-3 is the next generation assessment tool for use in center-based childcare programs for infants and toddlers up to 36 months of age.

Appropriate for inclusive and culturally diverse programs, ITERS-3 is effective for: state and district-wide QRIS, CCDF state quality set-aside initiatives, professional development, continuous quality improvement, program evaluation, teacher self-evaluation, monitoring by agency staff, research, and infant/toddler courses.

ITERS-3 is suitable for public and private programs, faith-based programs, as well as EHS/CC initiatives.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

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

2) What new ITERS-3 Items focus on infants’ and toddlers’ cognitive development in the areas of language, literacy & math?
   - Six New Language and Literacy Items
     - Talking with children
     - Encouraging vocabulary development
     - Responding to children’s communication
     - Encouraging children to communicate
     - Staff use of books with children
     - Encouraging children’s use of books
   - New Item on Beginning Math Experiences
     - Math/number

3) What other enhancements have been made to ITERS-R?
   - Enhanced focus on interactions and the role of the teacher.
   - Expanded age range to include children from birth to 36 months.
   - Attention to how teachers use developmentally appropriate materials to foster children’s learning.
   - More precise and useful scores for use in teacher professional development and self-improvement.
   - All indicators are observable, eliminating the need for a staff interview.
   - Detailed, helpful notes for clarification.

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

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

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

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