

Environment Rating Scales Training

In-depth Practice Using the ERS

Each participant **MUST** attend all of the training – all day, every day, and do not leave early

Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales– Tuesday Evening

For First Time Participants

5:00- 5:30 p.m.

Registration

Pick up materials

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Environment Rating Scales

Participants will:

- learn about the different scales
- understand the definition of items used throughout the scale
- learn the scoring process
- Practice scoring using video-DVD examples

Participants will receive three Environment Rating Scale books as well as supplementary information used in the observation and scoring process.

No meal or snacks will be served, however, please feel free to bring a “sack supper” to the workshop

In-depth Practice Using the Environment Rating Scales – Wednesday

For First Time Participants –

7:45-8:00

Pick up materials (No continental breakfast)

Receive group assignments and directions to the observation sites

Get directions to early childhood sites

Review observation protocol

8:00 – 12:00

Car pool for observations at various early childhood programs

Complete 3 hour observation

Car pool back to the training site

12:00 – 4:00

Lunch (provided)

Small group discussion

Complete the scoring process

Q & A Session

In-depth Practice Using the Environment Rating Scales – Thursday

For First Time Participants

7:45-8:00

Pick up materials (no continental breakfast is served)
Small observation group assignments
Receive group assignments and directions to the observation sites
Get directions to early childhood sites

8:00 – 12:00

Car pool for observations at various early childhood programs
Complete 3 hour observation
Car pool back to the training site

12:00 – 4:00

Lunch (provided)
Score each item independently
Determine a consensus score
Calculate subset scores, program scores
Compute inter-rater reliability

What else do I need to know?

- Dress casually because you could be sitting on the floor or small chairs and going outside.
- Wear appropriate clothing for outdoors. You may go outside when you are visiting the early childhood programs. Check the weather report.
- Each person will be divided into small groups (2-3 people per group) and you will carpool to various early childhood programs. Please consider this when you are arranging for transportation to the ERS training. PLEASE, make sure you have made arrangements to stay for the duration of the training. Do not leave early and make sure you attend every day.

Additional Questions

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