

# Environment Rating Scales Training

## Schedule for Introduction **and** In-depth Practice Using the ERS

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

### *Introduction – Tuesday Evening*

For First Time Participants

5:00- 5:30 p.m.

Registration

Pick up materials

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

*Introduction of 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 a packet of ERS information and websites relevant to Environment Rating Scales

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 –

8:00 – 8:30

Enjoy a light continental breakfast

Receive group assignments and directions to the observation sites

Get directions to early childhood sites

Review observation protocol

8:30 – 12:00

Car pool for observations at various early childhood programs

Complete 3 hour observation

Car pool 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

### 8:00 – 8:30

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  
Q &A session

### 8:30 – 12:00

Car pool for observations at various early childhood programs  
Complete 3 hour observation  
Car pool 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.
- Hotel information is on the Early Childhood Training Center website. The direct link is <http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/train/ers/ers.html>. (Hotel expenses are not covered in the registration fee.)
- 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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