

ECERS-R: PROVISION FOR RELAXATION AND COMFORT (ITEM 3)

Teacher name: _____ Classroom name: _____ Date _____

Accessibility target:

- Indicator 1.1, 1.2, 3.1, 3.2, 7.1, 7.2: *Accessible* = Children have free access for at least 1 hour in programs of 8 hours or more (See p7 of the ECERS-R spiral for chart to determine the amount of time required for part-day programs).
- Indicator 5.1: *Substantial Portion of the Day (SPD)* = At least 1/3 of the time the children are in attendance. This is calculated from program open to program close; For example, 1 hour in a 3-hour program or 3 hours in a 9-hour program. *Substantial portion of the day* is calculated separately for each item. It is based on what is observed during the 3-hour observation, plus the teacher response during the interview about what happens during the rest of the day.

Considerations:

- Indicator 3.1 requires at least two soft furnishings to be *accessible* (e.g. carpeted play space, cushions).
- Indicator 3.2 requires three or more soft toys to be *accessible*.
- Indicator 5.1 requires a cozy area to be accessible for a *substantial portion of the day*. A cozy area is a clearly defined space with a substantial amount of softness where children may lounge, daydream, read, or play quietly. The cozy area must allow children to completely escape the hardness of floor and walls.
- Indicator 5.2 requires that the cozy area be away and protected from active play. Teachers must actively monitor to protect the cozy area from loud and active play, either through a barrier or a rule.
- Indicator 5.2 is dependent on indicator 5.1; If 5.1 was scored no, 5.2 receives an automatic no.
- Indicator 7.3 requires many clean, soft toys to be *accessible*. "Many" means enough soft toys so that children do not have to compete over them: for 2's and 3's at least 2 soft toys for each child; for 4's and K's at least 10 toys, or if more than 20 children are allowed to attend at one time, enough for half of the group size allowed.

What soft furnishings or spaces are accessible?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Is there a special cozy area? What items are available there?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



