

Embedded Instruction for Early Learning *Tools for Teachers*

Module 4: How to Evaluate



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Ground Rules

- Settle in and be comfortable
- Participate, ask, and reflect
- Parking lot
- Talk or text in the hallway
- Silence phones
- Get to know each other and enjoy...





Tools for Teachers Workshops

Module 1: Overview

Module 2: What to Teach & When to Teach

Module 3: How to Teach

Module 4: How to Evaluate



Key Practices: How to Evaluate

- 12. Implement strategies to help determine whether I am implementing instructional learning trials with fidelity (i.e., *Am I doing it?*).
- 13. Implement strategies to help determine if children are making progress on their learning targets (i.e., *Is it working?*).
- 14. Make data-based decisions about whether changes are needed to my instruction by considering (a) *Am I doing it?* and (b) *Is it working?*



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Did Embedded
Instruction
Work for
Matthew?





Initial Ideas About Evaluating Embedded Instruction

- What are the important components of this new approach for helping move Matthew forward?
- 2. How will Matthew's team know if they are implementing the new approach in the right way?
- 3. How will they know if the new approach is working for moving Matthew forward?
- 4. What types of data might they need to collect?
- 5. What if they find out Matthew is still not making progress? What might they need to consider?
- 6. How could they implement this new approach and collect data at the same time?



After completing the evaluation module, you will be able to:

- Describe strategies for evaluating whether embedded instruction is Am I doing it? implemented as planned
- Collect, analyze, and interpret child data to evaluate whether embedded instruction is helping the child make progress related to the learning target

→ Is it working?

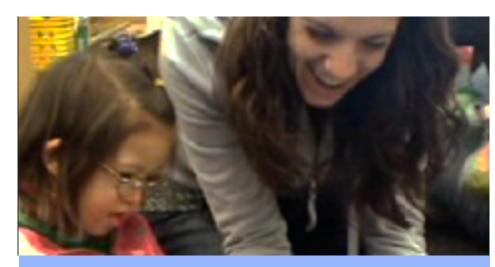
 Identify strategies for adjusting instruction based on teacher implementation and child progress-monitoring data





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Three Key
Questions for
Evaluating
Embedded
Instruction



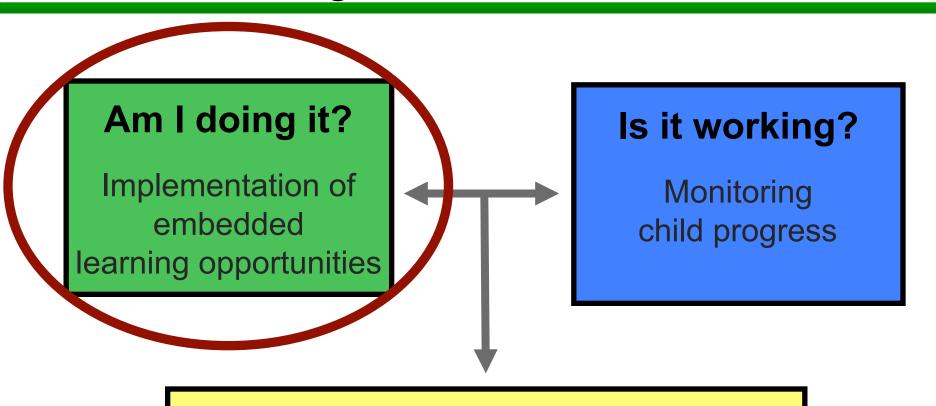
- 1. Am I doing it?
- 2. Is it working?
- 3. Do I need to make changes?



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How to Evaluate Key Practice 12: Am I doing it?

Three Key Questions for Evaluating Embedded Instruction



Do I need to make changes?

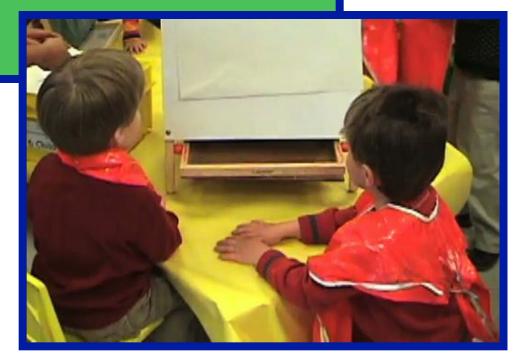
Continuing or revising the instructional plan





Did learning trials occur in the activities in which we planned for them to

occur?





Planned Trials for Matthew

	Follow 2-step directions	Move objects or himself in relation to another object or location	Holds marker or paintbrush and makes markings on paper	Use 2-word phrases to request "more"	How Many Trials?
Arrival	2				2
Free Play	4				4
Circle		3			3
Outside		5		3	8
Snack				4	4
Class Activity			6		6
Departure		2			2
Transitions	2				2
How Many Trials?	8	10	6	7	

Planned Trials for Matthew

	Mia	Matthew	Leo
Arrival	Verbally name colors - 3	Follow a two-step direction relating to the immediate context - 2	Move up and down stairs without assistance - 2
Free Play	Name object in a picture or book- 2 Indicate big/little objects- 2	Follow a two-step direction relating to the immediate context - 4	Use a chair or table to stand up from the floor without adult support - 5 Will express his needs to adults and peers using 2-3 word sentences - 3
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Implementation Data for Matthew

Learning Target:

Matthew will use 2-word phrases to request more (i.e., more of an activity, more food, more toys or objects) across a variety of activities without an adult model on 85% of opportunities each day for 4 consecutive days.

How many activities did you embed trials in? __2___
List the activities:

Outside and Snack

How many trials did you implement on this target?

6

How many times did the child perform the target behavior?

4

What changes, if any, would you make to your plan? Why?

Provide additional trials during snack by implementing additional curricular modifications or environmental arrangements. There were "missed" opportunities. In addition, Matthew only used 2-word phrases 4 times, despite providing all components of the trial. He appears to need more practice on this target.



Are the number of planned trials occurring in the activities?



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How many embedded learning trials were complete?



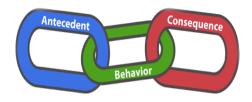
Complete Learning Trials

- A-B-Cs specified for a learning trial have been implemented with accuracy
- Need to observe implementation of the A-B-Cs and determine if each component of a trial occurred
- Complete learning trials



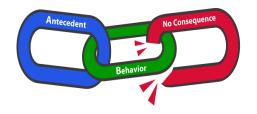
Learning Trials

Complete





Incomplete





Correct but not Complete





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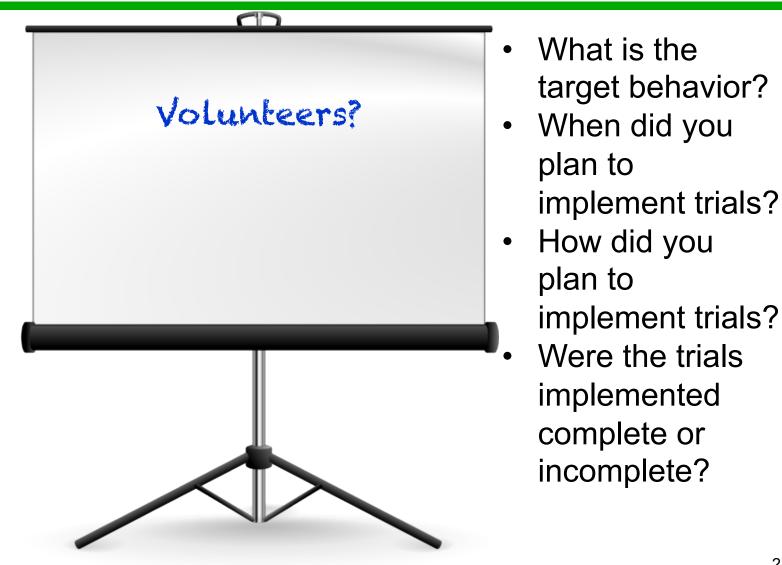
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It's Time for the Movies!



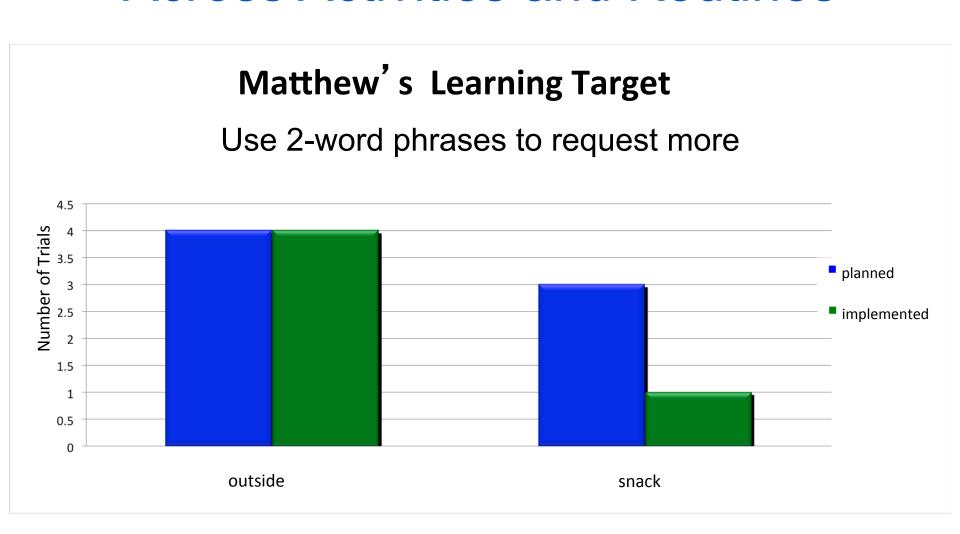




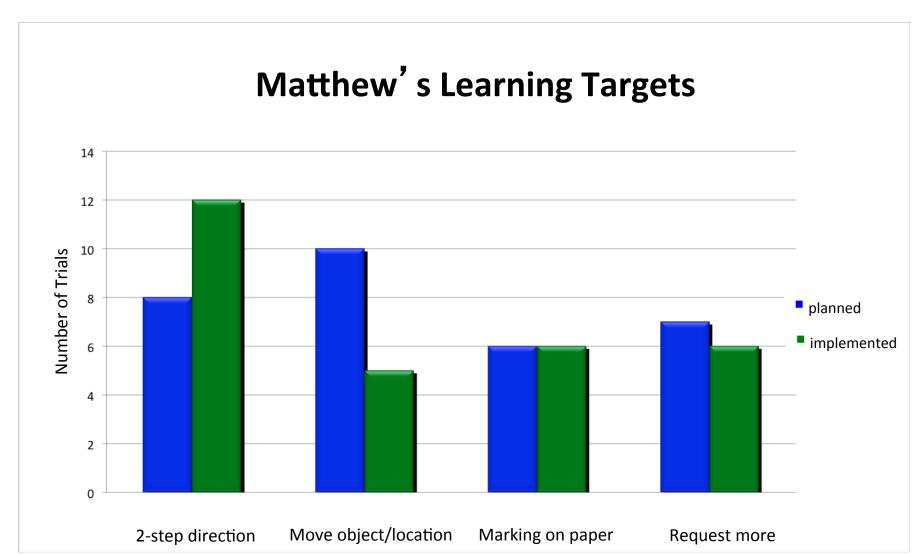
Graphing Data



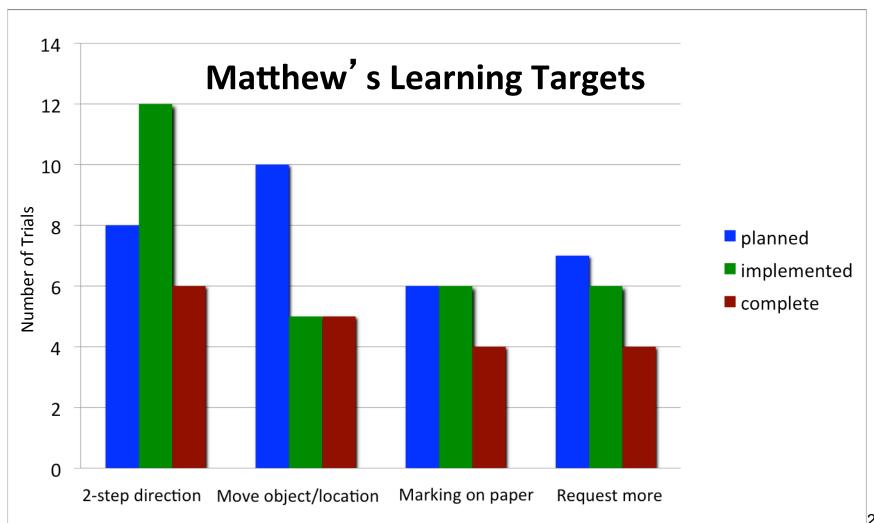
One Learning Target Across Activities and Routines



Compare Planned Versus Implemented Trials



Compare Planned, Implemented, and Complete Trials





Putting it All Together: Evaluating Implementation of Learning Trials



Review Planned Trials

Mia	Colors	Ask for Object	Big/Little	Name objects in pictures	How many trials?
Morning Activity	3				3
Breakfast		2			2
Circle			2	2	4
Table Games	2	1			3
Snack		2			2
Centers	2		3	3	8
How many trials?	7	5	5	5	



Counting Complete Learning **Trials**



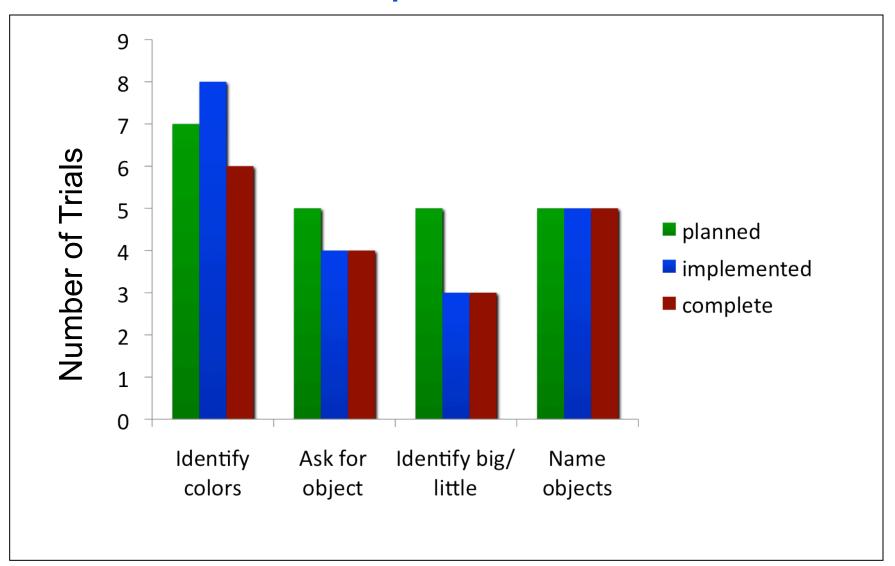


Graph the Data





Compare Planned, Implemented, and Complete Trials





Am I Doing It? Evaluating Implementation Fidelity

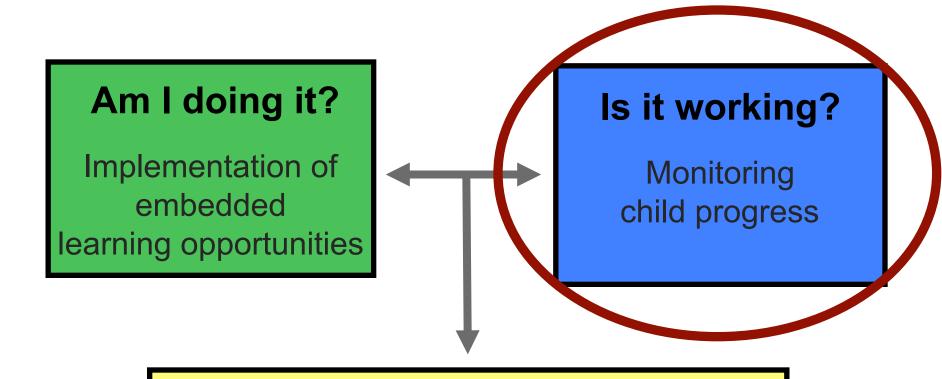
- Are learning trials occurring in the activities in which we planned for them to occur?
- Are the number of planned trials occurring in these activities?
- Are the components (the ABCs) implemented so that complete learning trials occur?



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How to Evaluate Key Practice 13: Is it working?

Three Key Questions for Evaluating Embedded Instruction



Do I need to make changes?

Continuing or revising the instructional plan



Considerations for Monitoring Child Progress

- What behaviors are targeted? What type of data do I need?
- How do I collect data for different types of behaviors?
- How often? When? Where? And who should collect data?
- How should I display, summarize, and analyze the data?



What behaviors are targeted? What type of data

do I need?



Elements of Learning Targets

Observable and Measurable

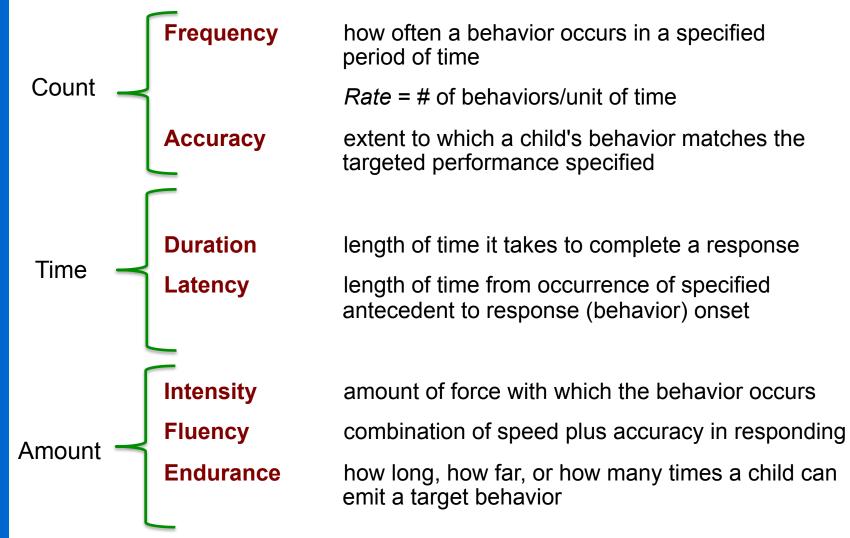
- Matthew will move objects or himself in relation to another object or location.
- Matthew will follow two-step directions (e.g., hang up your coat and put away your lunch box or throw out the napkin and put the spoon in the sink)

Conditions and Criteria Clearly Specified

- Matthew will move objects or himself in relation to another object or location when asked by a teacher or peer across a variety of activities. Matthew will move himself or the object to the correct location after the first verbal request on 80% of opportunities for 3 weeks.
- Matthew will follow two-step directions given by an adult during arrival, free play, meal times, and transitions with a visual or gestural cue for the second direction. Matthew will complete two-step direction within 2 minutes on three out of five opportunities across 2 days.



Types of Data





Examples: Types of Data

Frequency

Sarina will share or exchange at least three items or objects with peers in three activities for two consecutive days

Latency

Leo will remove coat and join class activities within 3 minutes of entering the classroom for three consecutive days

Accuracy

Maxford will jump by pushing off a supported surface with two feet simultaneously during all jumping activities with 80% correct jumps for two consecutive days



How do I collect data for different types of behaviors?



Ways to Collect Data (You can use multiple methods)

Frequency..... Count it **Duration or Latency....** Time it Accuracy......Calculate % correct Level of Support...... Take notes or rating scale Fluency......Accuracy plus speed Permanent Record..... Collect work samples **Describe**......Take notes or use rubrics



Frequency: Count it

Child: Sarina

Target: Sarina will share or exchange at least

3 items or objects with peers

in each of the 3 activities for 2 consecutive

days

	Activity	Occurrences	Total
10/20/2009 Time: 9:00 - 9:15	Center time	////	4
10/20/2009 Time: 10:30 - 10:45	Outdoor play	//	2



Frequency Practice



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10/20/2009 Time: 10:30-10:45	Outdoor play	//	2
10/20/2009 Time: 11:20-11:40	Lunch		



Latency: Time it

Student: Leo

Target: Will remove coat and join class activities

within 3 minutes of entering the classroom for

3 consecutive days

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
8	8	8	8
7	7 7		7
6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3
2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1



Latency Practice



Student: Leo

Target: Will remove coat and join class

activities within 3 minutes of entering the classroom for 3 consecutive days



Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
8	8	8	8
7	7	7	7
6	6	6	6
5	5	5	5
4	4	4	4
3	3	3	3
2	2	2	2
1	1	1	1



Accuracy Practice



Student: Maxford

Target: Maxford will jump by pushing

off a supportive surface with two feet

simultaneously during all jumping

activities with 80% correct jumps for two

consecutive days



Maxford jumps throughout day:			Percent Correct:						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



Accuracy: Percentage Correct

Student: Maxford

Target: Maxford will jump by pushing off a supportive

surface with two feet simultaneously during all

jumping activities with 80% correct jumps for two

consecutive days

Maxfo	Maxford jumps throughout day: 10/22/09 Percent Correct: 60%								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
✓	√	*	*	√	✓	×	*	√	✓



Level of Support: Take Notes or Use Rating Form

Student: Lilly

Target: Will use both hands to drink from a cup without

spilling at snack, lunch, or at other times she has

requested a drink

Activity or	Level of Support					
Routine	1	V	PP	FP		
Snack		√√	√			
After Outside			√ √	✓		
Lunch	✓	√√				

I = independent V = verbal prompt
PP = partial physical prompt FP = full physical prompt,

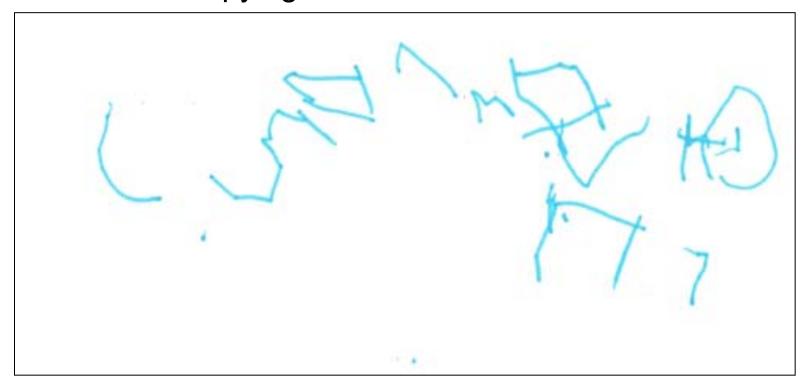


Permanent Product: Collect Work Sample

Student: Mia

Date: 10/23/09

Copying letters in her name



Describe: Take Notes or Use Rubric

Copying Letters Rubric							
Not Yet	Beginning	Developing	Well Developed				
 Does not choose to copy letters Does not copy letters so they are recognizable 	 Tries to copy letters with prompting Letters are somewhat recognizable 	 Willingly copies letters Letters copied are recognizable but may have reversals, incorrect sizing, spacing, or intermixing of upper and lower case 	 Spontaneously copies letters with ease and enthusiasm Letters are uniform in height, regular in spacing, and seldom reversed Copying closely resembles original 				



Options for Collecting Data

- Live
- Recall
- Video
- Other people
- Difficult to do in a busy preschool classroom!
- Be creative!



"Live" Data Collection

- Activity matrix on clipboard
- Activity matrix posted around classroom near activity, routine, or transition areas
- Blank paper and pencil
- Paper clips in pockets
- Poker chips of different colors
- Rubber bands on wrist
- Golf counter





Recall Data Collection



- At end of activity, routine, or transition
- At end of day
- Accuracy of recall counts?



Video Data Collection

- Using a video camera
- Deciding what and when to record



- Counting implementation of trials using a record sheet
- Video also useful for examining the <u>quality</u> of embedded learning trials by examining implementation of ABC components



Other People Help with Data Collection

Teaching assistant or other adults

 Provide them your activity matrix or implementation of learning trial record

sheet to record





How often? When? Where? And who should collect data?



How Often Should I Collect Data?

- Data collection schedules relate to the nature of the behavior and the performance criteria
- For schedules, consider:
 - existing resources and staffing
 - embedded instruction occurs daily across activities even if data are collected less frequently
 - data collection is likely to occur using probes
- Possible schedules include:
 - bi-monthly probes
 - weekly probes
 - bi-weekly probes
 - daily probes



When to Collect Data?

When the skill is being taught:

- In which activities does instruction occur?
- Is instruction spaced, massed, or distributed?

When the skill is likely to be needed:

 Are there times or activities when the skill is needed?

When the skill is likely to occur:

 How many opportunities will there be to collect data on the skill?



Where to Collect Data?

During activities specified on the activity matrix

- Acquisition
- Maintenance

Authentic opportunities to use the skill

Mastery

During activities in which instruction has not occurred

- Generalization
- Adaptation



Who Will Collect Data?

Data can be collected by:

- Teachers
- Assistants
- Therapists
- Teacher creates data collection matrix
- Combines with activity matrix
- Specifies who collects data

Data Collection Matrix

Schedule	Mia	Matthew
Arrival	Verbally name colors Teacher-T,TH	Follow a two-step direction Teacher-W,TH
Free Play	Name object in a picture or book Indicate big/little objects Assistant-Weekly	Follow a two-step direction Teacher-W,TH
Circle	Name object in a picture or book Assistant-Weekly	Move objects or himself in relation to another object or location Team-Rotate Every 3 rd Day
Snack	Ask peer or adult for a object Team-Daily (1 week)	Use two word phrases to request more Teacher -Weekly
Class Activity	Verbally name colors Teacher-T,TH	Hold adapted paint brush and make markings Assistant M,W,F
Departure	Indicate big/little objects Assistant-Weekly	Move objects or himself in relation to another object or location Team-Rotate Every 3 rd Day 60

Evaluation

Data Collection Format: Record how long it takes Matthew to complete both directions and record

level of support needed.

Type of data: Accuracy

Data Collection Format: Tally the number of opportunities each day and calculate how many were correct divided by the total number of opportunities to get a percentage of correct opportunities. Record whether a prompt was provided.

Type of data: Frequency

Data Collection Format: For each trial, record whether Matthew makes marks or not and if/what type of prompt was required

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Evaluation

Data Collection Format: Tally the number of opportunities for Matthew to ask for more and the number of times he did ask for more either with or without a prompt and calculate percent correct



How should I display, summarize, and analyze

the data?



Data Displays

We can use:

- An outline of written notes
- Tables with tally marks
- Pie Charts
- Graphs



Analyzing: What Does the Data Tell Us?

- Which behaviors the child does independently
- What types of supports, adaptations, or assistance the child needs to perform a specific behavior
- How long the child performs the behavior
- How accurately the child performs the behavior
- The conditions under which the behavior occurs
- When interventions are successful
- Whether children are making progress
- What influences child performance

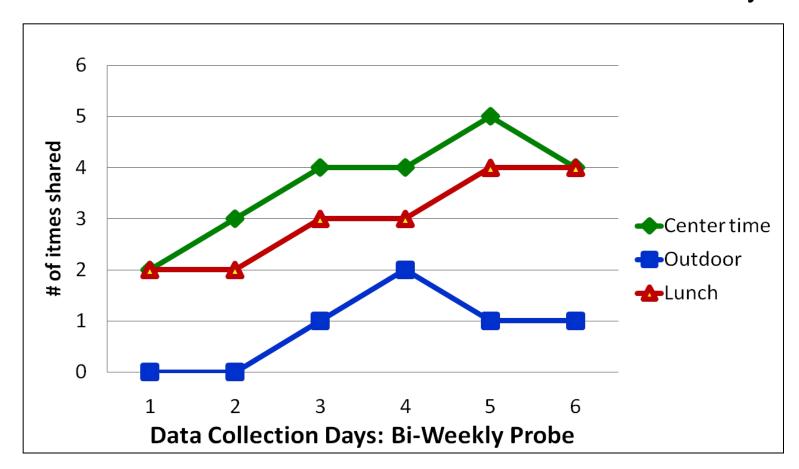


Data Display: Line Graph

Student: Sarina

Target: Sarina will share or exchange objects with peers

three times across three activities for two days





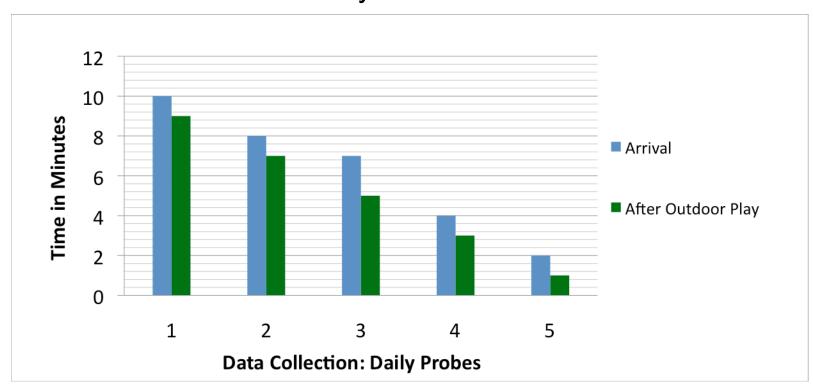
Data Display: Bar Graph

Student: Leo

Target: Will remove coat and join class activities within 3

minutes of entering the classroom for 3

consecutive days





Data Display: Line Graph

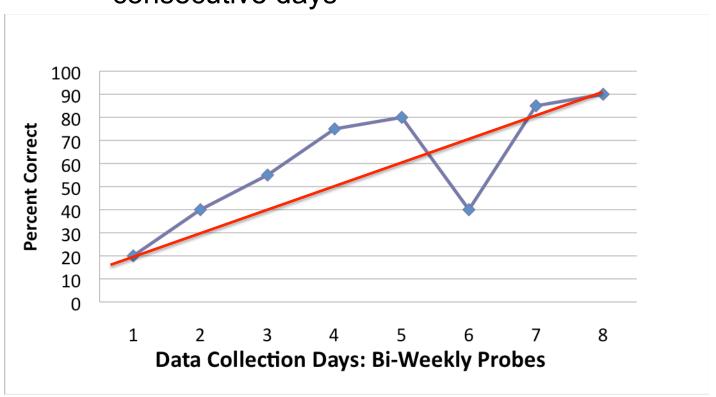
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two feet simultaneously during all jumping

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Interpretive Summary of Data

- Creating numerical summaries
- Creating narrative summaries
- A good summary provides key information on child progress in relation to the learning target



Matthew's Performance Data



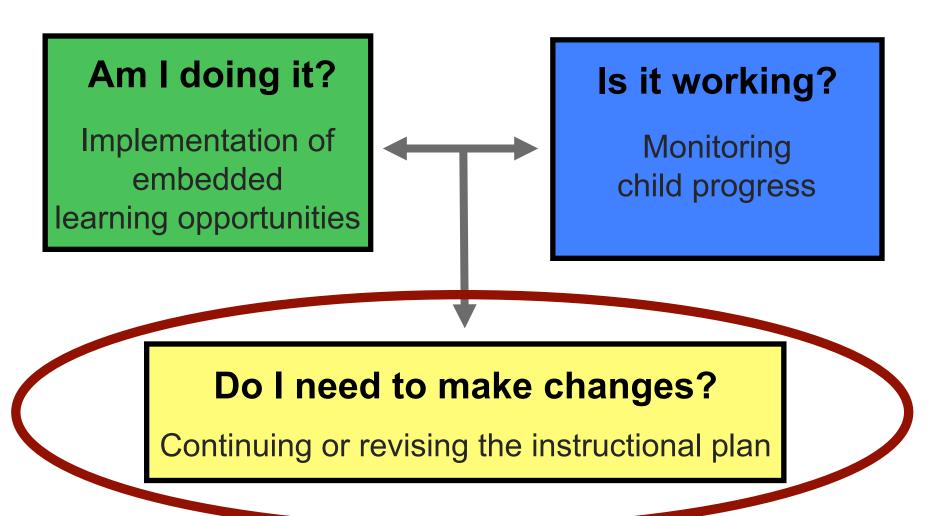




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How to Evaluate Key Practice 14: Do I need to make changes?

Three Key Questions for Evaluating Embedded Instruction





Data-Based Decision Making

Data to consider:

- Implementation data, including trials and ABC components
- Child progress data

Possible Data-Based Decisions:

- Change where and how many learning opportunities occur
- Consider changing antecedents, additional help, or consequences
- Consider changing the behavior targeted



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Make a Decision for Matthew







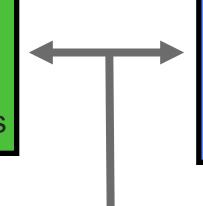
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Wrap-Up

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Am I doing it?

Implementation of embedded learning opportunities



Is it working?

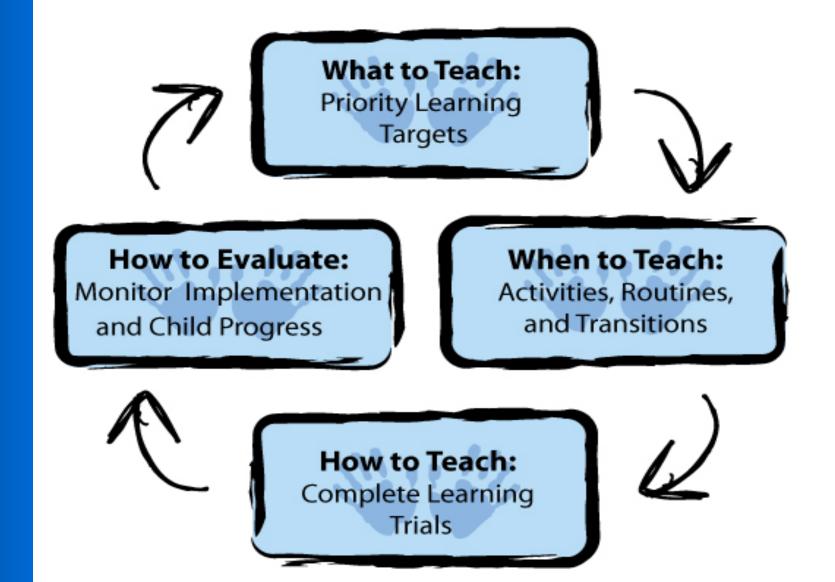
Monitoring child progress

Do I need to make changes?

Continuing or revising the instructional plan



Making Changes





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Looking Back (and Ahead!)

Interests and Preferences

Experiences and Observations

Mastery



Engagement

in Activities, Routines, and Transitions

Learning Opportunities

Adapted from Dunst (2000, 2001)



Key Components



What to Teach: Priority Learning Targets



How to Evaluate:

Monitor Implementation and Child Progress

When to Teach:

Activities, Routines, and Transitions



How to Teach:

Complete Learning Trials



14 Key Practices for Embedded Instruction			
	1. Activities to support engagement and learning of all children		
What to Teach	2. Activity-focused assessment to inform priority instructional learning targets		
	3. Break down larger goals		
	4. Write priority learning targets		
When to Teach	5. Select activities, routines, and transitions for embedded instruction		
	6. Plan which and how many instructional learning trials o implement		
	7. Develop an activity matrix		
How to Teach	8. Use systematic instructional strategies with fidelity		
	9. Implement instructional learning trials that include an antecedent, additional help to elicit the learning target behavior if the behavior does not occur, and an appropriate consequence		
	10. Implement massed, spaced, or distributed instructional learning trials		
	11. Implement frequency, intensity, and duration of instruction needed to address phase and pace of learning		
How to Evaluate	12. Implement strategies to determine Am I doing it?		
	13. Implement strategies to determine <i>Is it working?</i>		
	14. Make data-based decisions about whether changes are needed 84		

High Quality Activities













Embedded Instruction Builds on Intentional Teaching

Intentional Teaching

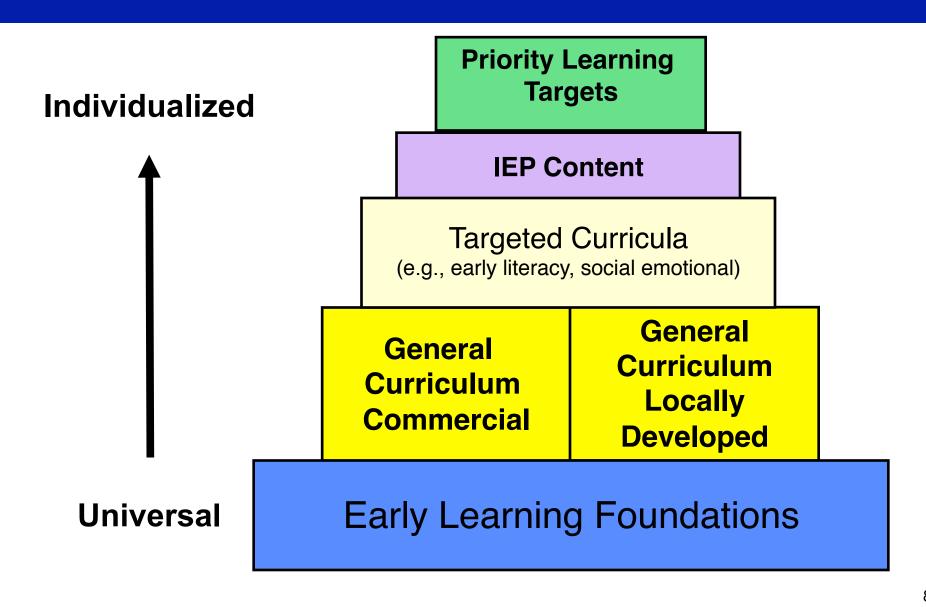
- Clearly defined learning objectives
- Play- or activity-based
- Instructional strategies
 likely to help children
 achieve learning
 objectives
- Continually assess progress and adjust strategies based on assessment

Embedded Instruction

- What to Teach
- Where and When to Teach
- How to teach

How to Evaluate

What to Teach





Identifying Learning Targets

First Priority Learning Target "Oriente back correctly"

"Orients book correctly"

Next Priority Learning Target

"Turns pages one at a time"

Next Priority Learning Target

"Touches and vocalizes or verbalizes at picture"

Individualized Goal

"Demonstrate functional use of books"

FL Preschool Foundations

IV: Language, Communication, and Emergent Literacy

F: Emergent Reading

1.b. Child interacts appropriately with books and other materials in a printrich environment.



Priority Learning Targets





Activity Matrix

	Mia	Matthew	Leo
Arrival	Verbally name colors - 3	Follow a two-step direction relating to the immediate context - 2	Move up and down stairs without assistance - 2
Circle	Name object in a picture or book- 2	Move objects or himself in relation to another object or location - 3	Will express his needs to adults and peers using 2-3 word sentences - 2
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Departure	Indicate big/little objects- 2	Move objects or himself in relation to another object or location - 2	Move up and down stairs without assistance - 2
Transitions	Verbally names colors - 2	Follow a two-step direction relating to the immediate context - 2	Use a chair or table to stand up from the floor without adult support - 4

" <u>or</u>

Child does NOT demonstrate the target behavior

Consequence

Date:

What additional help (prompts) do you provide? Provide a model ("Say 'want more'") Then ask, "What to do you want?" again.

Behavior

Consequence

Child demonstrates the target behavior

How do you respond when the child demonstrates the target behavior?

Provide Matthew with more and provide descriptive praise.

Behavior

Child does NOT demonstrate the target behavior

What feedback do you provide to end the trial?

<u>If you want more, you</u>

should say "mor<u>e</u>

Type of data: Accuracy

asked for more."

by saying "more

again"

How do you respond when the child

demonstrates the target behavior?

Provide Matthew with more

praise, such as "Great, you

and provide descriptive

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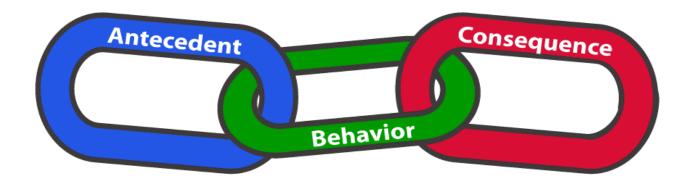
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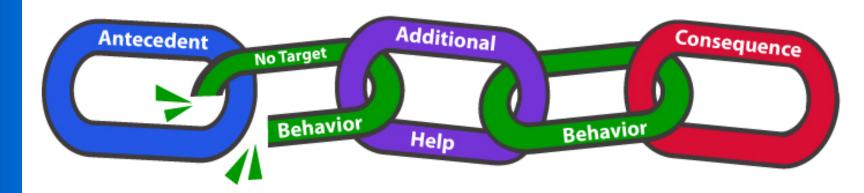
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Evaluation



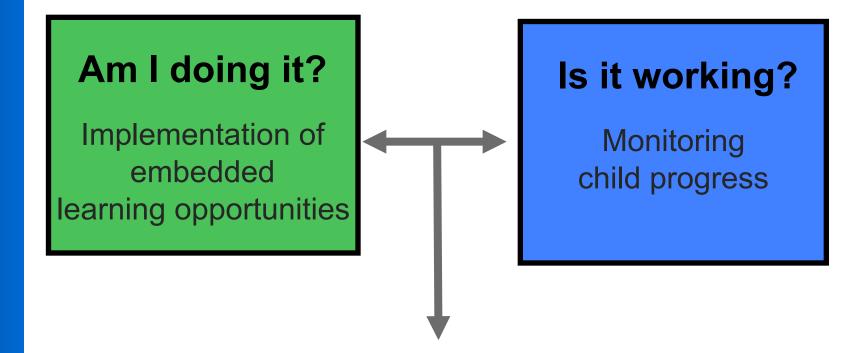
Complete Learning Trials







Evaluating Embedded Instruction



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A Look Ahead. . .





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