



Educational Leader

Educators respond to children's ideas and play and extend children's learning through open-ended questions, interactions and feedback.

A service reviewed what the NQF Guide said about element 1.2.2 and broke it down into its subsections to see what the element was asking educators to do in relation to **planning and creating the curriculum**:

- respond to children's ideas
- extend children's ideas
- use open ended questions
- use children's feedback.

We recently posted a video on our Centre Support Facebook page which is a great example of using children's feedback to create and plan curriculum. (Make sure you follow our page for other great tips and ideas.) Here's the transcript:

What I did when a 3 year old walked out on my lesson

"I had this really thought out lesson plan.....and I was so excited to share with my students. Everything was going great.....and then it was time to sit down and talk about the water cycle.

This 3 year old stood up and told me "I don't want to be here anymore and walked away. Now in my mind I wanted to say 'you disrespectful...do you know how much work and thought I put into this? And if I don't force you to be here, how am I going to force the other 19 children in the room to be here and to listen to me talk.

*But what I actually said is "okay, you can read a book, and continued on with the lesson. If 19 other children decide to read a book independently instead of participating in my lesson, **the problem is with my lesson, not the children.** It's an opportunity for me to reflect on how to engage them the next time I plan a lesson..."*

How well do your educators:

1. Respond to children's ideas to create the curriculum
 - Do they implement activities that are messy, harder to set up, involve research?
 - Do they implement activities where they have to research and learn with the children because they're unfamiliar with the topic?
 - Do they source materials if they're not in the storeroom?
 - Do they look for solutions if there are reasons for not implementing children's ideas?
 - Do they respond to each child's ideas?
2. Extend children's ideas to create curriculum
 - eg Do they implement projects, go on excursions, invite visitors to the centre, or just do art and craft and read books?
3. Use open ended questions to gain curriculum ideas from children
 - Do they understand these are questions requiring more than a yes/no answer?
 - Do they keep asking open ended questions if children are initially reluctant to share their views or ideas?
4. Use children's feedback to create curriculum ideas?
 - Do they understand feedback can be verbal and non-verbal or explicit and implied?
 - Do they notice each child's feedback?

How will you help them improve?

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