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Why are you doing the checklist?

The practices identified in the checklist are what the assessor needs to see you do so they can check you're 'meeting the NQS.' If there's something on the checklist that you're not doing, you need to adjust your practice to do it, or ask for help and training to implement it ie work with your educational/room leader who should teach/coach you how to do it. This process uses the **summative assessment process** from the **new EYLF and MTOP**. Educators review your achievements and capabilities at specified or selected timepoints. Please make a judgement about the path you are on to understanding the element.

The checklist keys to use.

E = Embedded I do that ALL the time

K = I know I need to do that, but I don't do it all the time

T = Please **teach** me how to do it or improve my understanding of why I need to do it.

Name Educator 1	
Name Educator 2	
Name Educator 3	
Name Educator 4	
Name Educator 5	

	ED1	ED2	ED3	ED4	ED5
Can you confidently explain how the performance review process works at your service and how it contributes to the ongoing improvement in your practice?					
Do you regularly participate in professional development/training to improve practice, regardless of your current knowledge and skills?					
Are you always willing to try new ways of doing things to continually improve practice?					
Do you take the time to share knowledge and practice with team members?					
Do you value and act on any feedback, coaching or mentoring you receive from others (Educational Leader, Room/Group Leader, team members) about better ways to do things?					
During your performance review do you:					
 review and if necessary clarify your job role and expectations? 					
assess your own performance?					
 discuss your strengths, the contributions you've made, and practice areas you feel could be improved? 					
 review any previous professional development/training Plan and actively contribute to an updated or new Plan based on your goals and identified practice needs? 					
 ensure your professional development/training Plan has enough detail to ensure actions achieved eg dates to start and complete training? 					

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- Does the performance review process work effectively at the Service? Why or why not?
- Effective performance reviews include objectively assessing performance to date, and planning for the future eg planning goals and professional development, building on strengths. Are these both done well at your Service? Why or why not?
- Are there any professional learning topics not currently included in educators' training plans you think should be included? What are they?

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Critically reflect through the eyes of:	Write your critical reflection below	What changes did you or will you make because of the reflection?		
the eyes of.	They might not have a direct awareness of	More Structured Reflection:		
	performance reviews and evaluation practices in	Implement more structured		
	ECEC. However, what matters most is the quality of	opportunities for educators to		
	my learning experiences and the support they	engage in critical reflection,		
	receive from educators. If performance reviews	ensuring that it becomes an integral		
	and reflection are well-implemented, they would	part of our planning cycle.		
a child	benefit from more personalised and effective			
a chiid	teaching approaches tailored to my needs and	Professional Development		
	interests.	Alignment: Ensure that professional		
	I believe that effective performance reviews are	development opportunities are		
	essential for professional growth. They allow me to	closely aligned with individual goals		
	critically reflect on my teaching practices,	identified during performance		
	curriculum planning, and interactions with children.	reviews, making them more		
	This reflection helps me identify areas where I can	relevant and effective.		
	improve and build on my strengths. However, the			
	extent to which this is done well at our service may	Transparency and Communication:		
an educator	vary. There may be room for improvement in terms	Improve communication with		
	of providing more structured opportunities linking	families by sharing insights into our		
	to professional development to individual goals.	reflective practices and how they		
	Families appreciate knowing that educators are	benefit children. This can build trust		
	actively engaged in reflective practices and	and engagement.		
	continuously striving for improvement. If our			
	performance reviews are effective, families can	Research Integration: Continuously		
	have confidence that their children are receiving	integrate current research findings		
	high-quality care and education. Open	into our practices to stay updated		
	communication about these practices can enhance	with the latest developments in		
your families	trust and collaboration.	early childhood education and		
	EYLF and MTOP emphasise the importance of	ensure our approaches are		
	reflective practices and evaluation in early	evidence-based.		
	childhood education. They align with current			
	research findings that suggest reflective educators	Child-Centred Focus: Maintain a		
	are more likely to provide developmentally	child-centred focus in all aspects of		
	appropriate and responsive learning experiences	our service, ensuring that		
	for children. To meet these expectations, educators	curriculum planning and evaluation		
theorist and	should actively engage in critical reflection, which	practices prioritise children's well-		
current research	involves assessing the effectiveness of their	being, learning, and development.		
	planning and curriculum implementation, both	·		
	individually and collaboratively.			

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