

GEE WHIZ CURRICULUM

EVALUATION TOOL

Quality Specialist Utilization Checklist

Specialist Guidance: This checklist helps evaluate the utilization of the Gee Whiz curriculum. Curriculum utilization takes many forms and varies from provider to provider. **Always ask clarifying questions** when observing or reviewing practices to gain complete insight into their program.

QUALITY SPECIALIST
NAME

PROVIDER NAME /
FACILITY

DATE OF VISIT

TIME OF VISIT

SECTION 1: VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

DO YOU OBSERVE...

- ☐ **Curriculum Integration:** Materials in the learning centers / activity areas reflect the current Gee Whiz unit.
- ☐ **Guided Play Interaction:** The provider engages with children during child-directed experiences through open-ended questions and active conversation (rather than leading or directing).
- ☐ **Teaching Guide Access:** The provider actively utilizes a copy of the current Teaching Guide (in print or digitally on a computer/tablet).
- ☐ **Active Group Participation:** Children are actively involved in whole group experiences (e.g., singing, moving, exploring, collaborating).
- ☐ **Choice & Expression:** The provider sets up the environment for child-directed experiences that invite children to make choices and express their ideas through play.
- ☐ **Holistic Development:** A balanced mix of experiences that address all developmental domains (physical, cognitive, language, social-emotional).
- ☐ **Individualized Adaptation:** The provider adapts and modifies a single experience to meet the unique developmental levels of each child (e.g., small group activities structured for varied skill levels).

VISUAL OBSERVATION NOTES & SPECIALIST COMMENTS

SECTION 1 (CONTINUED): AUDITORY OBSERVATIONS

DO YOU HEAR...

- ☐ **Open Questions:** The provider asking open-ended questions frequently during activities and routines.
- ☐ **Child Expression:** Children being invited and encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas, and predictions freely.
- ☐ **Rhythm & Literacy:** Songs, rhymes, and stories being shared and actively practiced throughout the day.
- ☐ **Peer Conversation:** Children engaging in meaningful, back-and-forth conversations with each other during experiences.

AUDITORY OBSERVATION NOTES & SPECIALIST COMMENTS

SECTION 2: PROVIDER INTERVIEW & DIALOGUE

1. What is the name of the current Gee Whiz unit you are implementing with the children?

2. What do the picture codes in the Gee Whiz lesson plans represent?

3. How does the Gee Whiz curriculum help you address the needs of your mixed-age group?

4. What materials did you add to your learning centers/activity areas to enhance the current unit?

5. What activities from this unit have the children enjoyed the most so far?

6. What training does Gee Whiz offer to help you implement the curriculum?

7. How are you using the "Connecting the Dots" component to link curriculum experiences to your formal child assessment?

8. How are you using the "Let's Read Together!" Booklets?

9. What Gee Whiz tools do you use to help you individualize learning?

(Ask to see these: Individualization Web and/or Customized/Individualized Lesson Plan Form)

10. What components provided by Gee Whiz do you use to communicate with families?

(Ask to see these options: Family Letter, Digital Family Notes, All About My Week Reports)

GENERAL INTERVIEW SUMMARY & ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST OBSERVATIONS

SECTION 3: RECOMMENDED PROVIDER RESOURCES & FOLLOW-UP

Follow-up Action Plan: Based on the interview and observations above, select the resources below that would benefit the provider. Check the applicable boxes, detach/copy this sheet, and share it directly with the provider.

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Gee Whiz User's Guide

Contains comprehensive guidance on how the curriculum is designed and best strategies for implementation.

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Training Webinars Library & Professional Development

Recorded and live webinar series to support implementation and professional growth:

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Onboarding Webinar #1: Accessing Gee Whiz & Understanding All of the Components

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Onboarding Webinar #2: Understanding How Gee Whiz Addresses the 10 Developmental Areas

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Onboarding Webinar #3: Adapting & Individualizing Gee Whiz

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Onboarding Webinar #4: Gee Whiz & Assessment

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Parent Involvement & Family Engagement Guide

Practical tips and tools for involving and effectively engaging families in child development.

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The Learning Environment & Gee Whiz Guide

Helps providers enhance physical setup while understanding their vital instructional role.

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Blocks of Literacy Booklet

A specialized guide focusing on foundational literacy strategies and building early language skills.

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Chatting & Cuddling Booklet

Resource booklet highlighting infant/toddler communication, responsive interactions, and nurturing relationships.

ADDITIONAL SPECIALIST NOTES FOR PROVIDER ACTION PLAN

Gee Whiz Education Support: We are always here to answer questions and support implementation!