



Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO™)

What is PICCOLO?

PICCOLO is an instrument that can be used to measure interactions between an adult and a child in a group setting. Although titled “Parenting Interactions,” research supports the use of PICCOLO in group settings. The assessment process is a 10 minute observation that focuses on practices that include:

- Affection
- Responsiveness
- Encouragement
- Teaching

Which program(s) could use PICCOLO?

Family child care settings that want to increase supportive adult-child interactions.

How does PICCOLO support Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)?

Adult-child relationships during the early childhood years predict future success in school and in life. PICCOLO gathers information about positive adult-child interactions that support children’s development through talking and play. The use of PICCOLO helps adults see the value of supportive interactions, identifies strengths, and guides program planning.

Additional Information/Training

More Information on PICCOLO including downloadable resources may be found at www.brookespublishing.com/piccolo.