

Suggested Guidelines for Using the Conference Web

The mutual sharing of information that occurs from using this web as a guide for conferences will help parents, child care teachers and other professionals to best work together to support each child. The following are ideas to consider when completing the different sections of the web. This sharing of information will also help as you work together toward developing goals and implementing strategies to promote optimal developmental outcomes for each child.

Family Life Experiences: This area is for parents and/or staff to record information about current family life as it affects the child.

- **Resources and Supports:** List resources and supports the family is currently using to support child development and parenting, or identify other potential resources that might be helpful.
- **Classroom Relationships:** Describe the relationships the child has with other children and adults in the classroom/center and how they affect his/her development.

Child's Interests: Identify the child's current preferences and interests, and how these affect learning, relationships and development.

- Learning and Problem Solving Style: Describe how the child learns and what approaches he/she uses to solve learning or relational problems.
- **Parents' Thoughts:** This space is reserved for parents to share their thoughts about their child, comments on developmental issues and their hopes and dreams for the child.

Developmental Strengths: Provide a brief overview of growth since the last conference. (Reference Developmental Profiles.)

Emerging Milestones: Identify the areas where the child has new skills emerging and how to best support those developing abilities.

- **Health and Nutrition:** Review current physical, nutritional, dental and other health issues affecting the child's development and child care and education experiences.
- **Child's Temperament:** Describe the child's temperament and possible adjustments to interactions and routines to enhance the child's child care and education experience.