

Embedded Instructional Practices Checklist

This checklist includes the characteristics of embedded instructional practices that can be used by a practitioner or parent to promote a child’s use of targeted, functional behavior in the contexts of home, community, or classroom activities.

The instructional practices can be used to facilitate child acquisition of functional behavior by providing a child opportunities to engage in preferred activities and by using the practice characteristics to promote child

engagement, learning, and development of targeted behavior.

The checklist indicators can be used by a practitioner to develop a plan to use the practices with a child or to promote a parent’s use of the practices. The checklist rating scale can be used to do a self-evaluation to determine whether the different practice characteristics were part of using the practices with a child or promoting a parent’s use of the practices.

Practitioner: _____ Child: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate which practice characteristics you were able to use as part of instruction to teach a child targeted functional behavior:

Seldom or never (0 - 25%) **Some of the time** (25 - 50%) **As often as I can** (50 - 75%) **Most of the time** (75 - 100%)

Notes

1. Identify the target skills and functional behavior that will be the focus of child learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Identify the everyday activities that are best suited for teaching the targeted behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Provide or engage the child in opportunities to participate in these everyday activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Maximize the likelihood that a child will remain engaged in the activities by considering the child’s interests and preferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Use prompts (verbal, gestural, physical, modeling, etc.) and prompt fading (e.g., decreasing assistance) strategies to promote child acquisition of the target functional behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Provide context specific natural consequences (reinforcement) for a child’s use of target behavior or attempts to produce the behavior in the activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Use explicit feedback as needed to encourage, support, and reinforce child learning and development in the activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This checklist is based upon the following *DEC Recommended Practices*: Instruction 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

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