

ECD Quality Toolkit Pilot Project 2016
Quality conversation template and record

Pilot R3b

Name of Site	
Site Type [use key in R5]	
Province	
Name & details of site contact	
Mediator name	
Mediator organisation	
Practitioner name & contact details	
Date	

Orientation questions [10 minutes]	
What age group do you work with?	
How many children attend the centre/your class?	
How long have you been working in ECD?	
How long have you been at this centre?	

1. What are my views on how children learn, and my views on the best way of interacting with them? [20 minutes]

Think of how to mediate the conversation process in the Practitioner’s own context – e.g. babies and toddlers, Grade R, children with barriers to learning etc.

Think about ...

- Learning through play
- Types of learning activities & teaching methods
- Dealing with different developmental areas
- Managing different ages and stages
- Managing learning difficulties
- Creating confidence & well being
- Talking and listening to children
- Accommodating different languages
- Drawing on the ECD curriculum
- Assessing children: observing, recording &

reporting	
Name one thing about learning theories and teaching methods that you would most like help with.	

2. What are my views on values, attitudes and beliefs? [10 minutes]

Think about ...

- How value systems influence practice
- Attitudes to children & how they learn
- Ethics in ECD
- Professional development

Name one thing about values, attitudes and beliefs that you would most like help with.

3. What are my views on quality in the ECD environment? [20 minutes]

Think about ...

- What makes a stimulating environment for teaching children
- Resources: what types and where to get them from
- A caring environment
- Safety, cleanliness and hygiene in the environment
- Emergency procedures
- The effect of the child's home environment and community on learning
- Involving parents in children's learning



<p>Name one thing about your environment (internal and external) that you would most like help with.</p>	

4. What are my views on support for ECD? [20 minutes]	
<p>Think about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal policies & procedures for ECD • Curriculum and other documents • Practitioner training • Practitioner support 	
<p>Name one thing about support that you would most like help with.</p>	

5. QUESTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL OR SITE MANAGER: What are my views on my leadership role? [40 minutes]

Think about:

- Core values, vision and mission
- Implementing these with staff
- Supporting staff and getting them to share practice
- Getting support for the centre
- Professional development
- Giving feedback to staff
- Managing the centre (finances, logistics, record-keeping, HR)
- Quality assurance
- Communication with parents
- Stakeholder relationships (community, districts)
- Ethical issues for ECD



<p>Name one thing about leadership that you would most like help with.</p>	