EARLY CHILDHOOD



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

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FOREWORD

Dear Early Childhood fraternity

With increasing recognition of the importance of early years development, there is increasing demand for quality preschool services and rising expectations from parents. To ensure we continue to give a good start to every child, our Early Childhood (EC) educators are encouraged to adopt a lifelong learning mindset to keep your skills and competencies updated and relevant.

The EC Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Roadmap has been specially developed to help EC educators in acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills at the various stages of your professional journey. This roadmap takes reference from the Skills Framework for Early Childhood by prioritising the Technical Skills and Competencies (TSCs) required for each job role. I encourage everyone to leverage the EC CPD Roadmap to chart your professional development, be it through courses or other forms of professional development such as on-the-job training, peer sharing, coaching and mentoring.

It is my hope that as educators, you would enjoy learning as much as your children do. I leave you with a quote by John Cotton Dana for inspiration, 'Who dares to teach must not cease to learn.' Thank you for all your efforts and I wish you all the best as you grow in your profession!

Mr Tan Chee Wee Chief Executive Officer Early Childhood Development Agency

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Early Childhood Continuing Professional Development Roadmap

The Early Childhood (EC) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Roadmap is a guide for EC Educators to chart out your personal professional development plan.

Based on the job roles identified in the Skills Framework for Early Childhood, the EC CPD Roadmap clarifies the technical skills and competencies for each job role at different stages, as well as suggests the various professional development opportunities that you could undertake.

The 'paper plane' graphic in this roadmap signifies the aspiration for all EC professionals to scale greater heights in your professional growth through the deepening of your expertise. With this roadmap, we hope that you will have greater clarity over your development and take flight in your professional journey!

Objectives of Early Childhood Continuing Professional Development Roadmap

Through this roadmap, you will be able to:

- Identify the Technical Skills and Competencies (TSCs) required at different stages for your job role and plan for training and development to enhance your skills and competencies
- Deepen your proficiency in the focus areas identified for the sector
- Have an understanding of the progression of TSCs across different job roles within each educator track

The EC CPD Roadmap indicates the Stage 1 and 2 TSCs of all 15 EC Education job roles under the Skills Framework for EC.

HOW TO USE THE CPD ROADMAP

Understand the scope of your current job role

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Be familiar with the job description and requirements for your current job role, and have conversations with your mentor or supervisor.

For some of you who are preparing for the next job role, you may also want to refer to the job description and requirements of the next role.

Familiarise yourself with the TSCs required of your current role

The EC CPD Roadmap helps you to prioritise the TSCs that you could work on in your current job role. In this guide:

- Foundational TSCs are TSCs that are foundational for all roles within the EC sector, regardless of how many years you have been in the job role. Educators in all job roles are recommended to attain these foundational TSCs within the first two years of joining the sector and refresh your knowledge and abilities of these foundational TSCs every three to five years.
- Stage 1 TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.
- Stage 2 TSCs are additional TSCs that are likewise important for your job role, but can be worked on once you have a firm grounding for Stage 1 TSCs. As attainment of TSCs supports the progression to the next job role, it is generally expected that job roles on the same educator track would have attained most, if not all, of the TSCs of the previous job role. For instance, when you take on the Preschool Educator job role, you would have attained most, if not all, of the TSCs of a Beginning Preschool Educator.

Identify relevant training courses using the CPD Prospectus¹

Upon completing Step 2, you can identify relevant training courses by referring to the CPD Prospectus on the ECDA website. The CPD Prospectus indicates the latest list of courses available for the TSCs that you may wish to attend training on.

Within the CPD Prospectus, there are also selected focus areas that reflect key learning needs for the sector. You may want to consider taking up some of the courses related to them.

Other Forms of Professional Development

Please note that attending training courses is only one way of developing yourself professionally. You should discuss with your supervisor on other forms of professional development such as on-the-job training, coaching, peer sharing, etc., particularly for TSCs not mapped to any courses. You may refer to the suggested list of non-course-based training on page 34 and 35 in this roadmap.

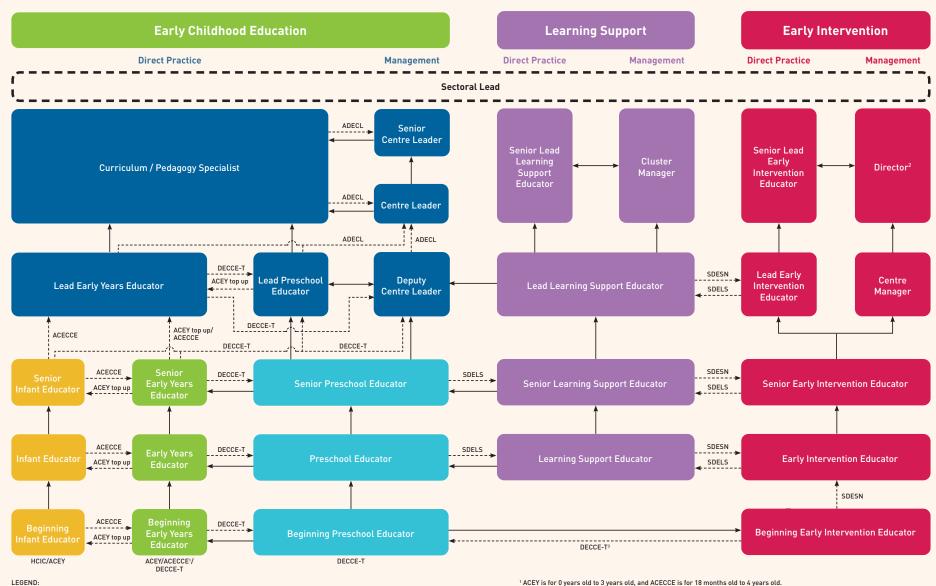
To make the most of this resource, we recommend that you:

- Reflect on your areas of strength and areas for growth
- Discuss with your supervisor about the skills/competencies to focus on in the year ahead
- Use the CPD Roadmap to complement the in-house professional development provided by your organisation. EC leaders can also refer to the Leadership Development Framework² to plan for your professional development

¹ The CPD Prospectus can be found on ECDA's website at https://www.ecda.gov.sg/early-childhood-educators-(ece)/continuing-professional-development/cpd-prospectus

² The Leadership Development Framework can be found on ECDA's website at https://www.ecda.gov.sg/ early-childhood-educators-(ece)/early-childhood-leaders/leadership-devt-framework

CAREER PATHWAYS SKILLS FRAMEWORK FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD



Attainment of competencies

-- - Attainment of professional qualifications

² This role can typically be found in Social Service Agencies (SSAs) that run El centres.

³ Generally, DECCE-T is a pre-requisite for EI roles to move laterally into the equivalent EC roles, e.g. EI Educator to Preschool Educator. This does not apply to the Senior Lead El Educator and Director roles.

DESIRED ATTRIBUTES OF EDUCATORS

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Mother Teresa

Early Childhood (EC) and Early Intervention (EI) educators lay the foundation of the child's development and set him/her on the path of lifelong learning. Their work with the child does not just have a rippling effect in the child's growing up years, but also on the child's family and the community. What educators do today creates ripples for tomorrow.



Resilience In a Team (collaborative) Passion for Children Professionalism Love for Learning Empathy

An EC Educator, Learning Support Educator or El Educator should be or have the following attributes,

Resilience



An educator manages a variety of tasks and challenges, as well as new circumstances from time to time. He/she communicates with different parties to achieve the best possible outcome for every child. The demands of working with children of diverse needs and backgrounds as well as multiple stakeholders require an educator to be adaptable, flexible, and to possess mental and emotional strength.



In a Team (collaborative)

An educator actively contributes to the building of the preschool fraternity through collaboration with peers, and possesses good interpersonal skills to work well with various stakeholders.



Passion for Children

An educator must have a passion for teaching young children and believe that every child can learn. This enthusiasm and dedication builds upon the love of children, and desire to make a difference in each child's growth, development and well-being.



Professionalism

An educator is a competent professional who strives for excellence in his/her day-to-day work and displays strong integrity and accountability towards his/her duties. He/she is also grounded in sound pedagogical knowledge to engage children in purposeful learning, and promote their development and well-being.



Love for Learning

An educator pursues lifelong learning and engages in reflective practice. He/she also embodies curiosity and a sense of wonder, and actively improves his/her pedagogical practice through creativity and innovation.



Empathy

An educator embraces diversity, shows empathy and respect towards children and their families, various stakeholders, and the community. Through building positive relationships, he/she brings about positive outcomes in the holistic development of each child.

<section-header>DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SCOUPE TELES (TSCS) The following table explains the definition of each TSC.

Child Learning and Development

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| Child Development Assessment Use information from observation and documentation of children's learning and development to design appropriate child-centric learning experiences | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | ۲ | Proficiency Levels | child Safet |
| Child Observation Perform observation and documentation of children's learning and development to gain an in-depth understanding of each child | 0 | ۲ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour Manage and guide children's behaviour to facilitate the delivery of learning activities and meaningful participation | | ۲ | ٥ | ٥ | 0 | 0 | | _ |
| Diversity and Inclusion Implement diversity and inclusion practices and strategies to raise awareness and ensure meaningful participation for all children | ۲ | 0 | ٥ | ٥ | 0 | ۲ | | Family and |
| Early Childhood Curriculum Design Design culturally and developmentally appropriate curriculum for holistic learning experiences for children of all levels including infants | ۲ | ۲ | ۲ | ۲ | ٢ | ۲ | | Ë |
| Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice Plan and implement developmentally appropriate pedagogical practice to engage children meaningfully | ۲ | • | 0 | 0 | 0 | ۲ | | |

Proficiency Level (PL) - Proficiency levels (1 to 6) show the gradation of skills required across the job roles. In addition, each level shows the abilities which are required to be demonstrated according to the level of competencies and degree of responsibility expected of each job role in fulfilling the respective work functions.

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| | Early Childhood Programme Planning Plan and implement developmentally appropriate Early Childhood programmes | | | ۲ | ۲ | ۲ | ۲ |
| | Learning Environment Design Design learning environment to meet children's specific developmental and learning needs | ۲ | ۲ | ٢ | ٢ | ۲ | ۲ |
| • | Child Safety and Protection Implement safety standards and procedures, and appropriate courses of action to ensure the safety and protection of children | ٥ | ۲ | 0 | ۲ | ٥ | 0 |
| | Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children Establish health, hygiene and nutrition standards and procedures that support children's development | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ۲ | 0 |
| | Interaction and Relationship Develop trusting and respectful relationships with children | • | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | • |
| | Responsive Caregiving Approaches Provide appropriate and quality care giving approaches to create a nurturing, caring and safe environment that support children's learning and development | 0 | 0 | 0 | ۲ | 0 | ۲ |
| | Community Partnership Establish and foster partnerships with community stakeholders through a culture of collaboration to develop mutually beneficial programmes for the children and families | ٢ | ٢ | ٥ | ٥ | ٢ | ۲ |
| • | Family and Caregiver Engagement Recognise the central role of the family in every child's life and develop strategies for family engagement, nurturing trust and rapport and building capabilities in them to enhance child's developmental outcome | ۲ | ٢ | ۲ | ٢ | 0 | ۲ |
| | Situation Management with Families and Community Manage challenging situations with families and community to build consensus among stakeholders and achieve resolutions effectively | ٥ | ٢ | ٢ | ٢ | ٢ | ۲ |

Well-Being

Community Partnership

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| erations and Management | Centre Innovation and Change Adoption Manage centre's innovation activities and adoption of change to drive organisational success | • • • • • • | Proficiency Levels | Practitioner Inquiry Undertake systematic and data-driven investigations with other professionals to reflect, evaluate and | 00000 |
| Operations Managen | Data and Information Management Gather and use data and information for planning, monitoring and review | • • • • • • | e s | innovate to improve their professional practice Reflective Practice for Educators Engage in regular reflection to continuously | O O O O O |
| | Financial Administration Manage organisation's short and long-term financial needs while reviewing the organisation's financial risk position and refining its financial plan | panisation's short and long-term eds while reviewing the organisation's | | 00000 | |
| | Operations Management Managing organisation's operational effectiveness and efficiency in accordance with regulatory frameworks and requirements | o o o o o | | practice as a professional in the sector Staff Communication and Engagement | |
| | Visioning and Strategic Planning Foster shared vision and mission among educators and guide them to ensure alignment of their daily work to the centre's long-term objectives | © © © © © | Staff Development and Engagement | Drive staff communication and engagement to achieve centre's goals Staff Continuous Learning Manage staff's continuous learning activities | • • • • • • • |
| and nent | Coaching and Mentoring for Educators Develop and foster a culture of coaching | • • • • • • | aff Devel E | to maximise staff's potential and capabilities to contribute to centre and cluster Team Management Manage staff performance by developing | |
| Professional Practice and Development | and mentoring Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines Analyse services, contributions and perspectives across disciplines and sectors, and implement collaborative practices to provide care- giving and education for all children | | St | systems and processes to ensure key performance indicators are met | ○ ○ ○ ● ● ● |
| | Ethical Conduct and Professional Integrity Understand the professional conduct, ethics and values and comply with the relevant legislation to uphold the integrity and reputation of the profession | 00000 | | | |

Proficiency Levels

For more information on job role description, critical work functions and key tasks, TSCs and critical core skills, please refer to the Skills Framework via this link (https://www.skillsfuture.gov.sg/skills-framework/earlychildhood).

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as you navigate your Professional Development journey. Once you have set down

these cornerstones for your Professional Development journey, it is time to pick

up the building blocks for your role. The next section will take you through the

TSCs needed for the different job roles while highlighting the ones that you should

consider prioritising during the first few years on the job.

FOUNDATIONAL TSCs

As you embark on your journey as an Early Childhood (EC) Professional, there are Technical Skills and Competencies (TSCs) which you will need to equip yourself with. Some of these are specific to the job role – for example, a Beginning Early Years Educator should expect to hone different skill sets from a Senior Preschool Educator, while some TSCs are foundational for all roles within the EC sector, regardless of where you may start out.

As an EC Professional, your foundational TSCs are (1) Child Safety and Protection, (2) Ethical Conduct and Professional Integrity, and (3) Resilience and Selfcare. These three TSCs are the cornerstones that you should always keep in sight

Child Safety and Protection

Implement safety standards and procedures, and appropriate courses of action to ensure the safety and protection of children

Ethical Conduct and Professional Integrity

Understand the professional conduct, ethics and values and comply with the relevant legislation to uphold the integrity and reputation of the profession

Resilience and Self-care

Practise activities that enhance overall health and well-being to enable continued practice as a professional in the sector

JOB ROLE BEGINNING INFANT EDUCATOR (BIE)

As a Beginning Infant Educator, you build relationships with infants and toddlers and look out for their developmental needs and milestones so as to be able to respond to their needs appropriately. You contribute to the creation of a secure environment for infants and toddlers through nurturing respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships. You execute the required curriculum and programmes, and create a quality learning environment. To provide holistic care for infants and toddlers, you establish relationships and partnerships with different stakeholders. You also engage in professional development and reflective practice, under the guidance of senior educators and leaders.

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Family and Caregiver
 Engagement
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry
- Reflective Practice for Educators

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

Child Observation

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning
- Learning Environment Design

Stage 1 TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE

As an Infant Educator, you create a secure environment for infants and toddlers through nurturing respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships with them. You also create a quality learning environment through implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum and programmes. You build trusting and respectful relationships and partnerships with stakeholders by actively engaging the children's family and community. As an experienced educator, you engage in ongoing professional development and reflective practice, and contribute to fostering a culture of collaboration and collegiality with relevant stakeholders.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children

Family and Community Partnership

- Family and Caregiver Engagement
- **Professional Practice and Development**
- Reflective Practice for Educators

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Stage 1TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE SENIOR INFANT EDUCATOR (SIE)

As a Senior Infant Educator, you play an active role as a mentor to the Infant Educator team. You take responsibility for coaching and leading the infant care team in the centre. You play an important role in the design and implementation of a developmentally appropriate curriculum and programmes for the day-to-day developmental and caregiving tasks for infants. You also lead in the building of relationships and partnerships with stakeholders. You design and implement family and community programmes, and contribute to the centre's culture of continuous learning, collaboration and collegiality, in line with its vision, mission and goals.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning
- Learning Environment Design

Family and Community Partnership

- Family and Caregiver Engagement
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Professional Practice and Development

- Coaching and Mentoring for Educators
- Reflective Practice for Educators

Stage 1TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Diversity and Inclusion

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

Community Partnership

Operations and Management

- Centre Innovation and Change Adoption
- Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Staff Development and Engagement

- Staff Communication and Engagement
- Staff Continuous Learning

PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR

Beginning Infant Educator to Senior Infant Educator

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR

Senior Infant Educator to Curriculum/Pedagogy Specialist

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Educator

Educator

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Specialist

JOB ROLE **BEGINNING EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR (BEYE)**

As a Beginning Early Years Educator, you create a observation and assessment of the children's needs secure environment for children through nurturing and developmental milestones. To provide a holistic respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships development for the children, you forge trusting with them. You create a guality learning environment and respectful relationships and partnerships by implementing a developmentally appropriate with families. curriculum and programmes through the

You actively carry out the centre's initiatives and supports its collaborative efforts with the community. You also engage in continuous learning and development.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning

Family and Community Partnership

Community Partnership

- Family and Caregiver Engagement
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry
- Reflective Practice for Educators

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JOB ROLE EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR (EYE)

As an Early Years Educator, you create a secure and quality learning environment for children, and model respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships with them. You are proficient in designing and implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum and programmes to support the learning and developmental needs of the children. You establish relationships and partnerships with families and community stakeholders to provide holistic care and development for young children. As an experienced educator, you also engage in ongoing professional development and reflective practice, and contribute to fostering a culture of collaboration and collegiality with relevant stakeholders.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Early Childhood Programme Planning

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship

Family and Community Partnership

- Family and Caregiver Engagement
- **Professional Practice and Development**
- Reflective Practice for Educators

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

- Data and Information Management
- Professional Practice and Development
- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Stage 1 TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE SENIOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR (SEYE)

As a Senior Early Years Educator, you play an active role as a mentor to the beginning educators. You provide leadership in the design and set up of a secure and quality learning environment for young



children, and guide the team in nurturing respectful, responsive and reciprocal relationships with them.

You lead in the design and implementation of a developmentally appropriate curriculum and programmes, and develop structures for sustained collaborative relationships and partnerships with families and community stakeholders. You also work with your team to design and implement family and community programmes, and contribute to the centre's culture of continuous learning, collaboration and collegiality.

Early Childhood Programme Planning

Family and Community Partnership

Family and Caregiver Engagement

Professional Practice and Development

Coaching and Mentoring for Educators

Reflective Practice for Educators

Learning Environment Design

Situation Management with

Families and Community

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

Community Partnership

Operations and Management

- Centre Innovation and Change Adoption
- Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Staff Development and Engagement

- Staff Communication and Engagement
- Staff Continuous Learning

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice

Stage 1TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE LEAD EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR (LEYE)

As a Lead Early Years Educator, you are responsible for leading your team and driving the learning and development of children within the centre. You are responsible for the overall curiculum, programmes and teaching designs for children between 2 months and 4 years old in the centre. You strategise the building of relationships and partnerships with families and community stakeholders. You develop and evaluate the centre's programmes to ensure they cater to children of different levels. You also help to ensure a smooth transition for young children between levels.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning

Family and Community Partnership

 Situation Management with Families and Community

Professional Practice and Development

- Coaching and Mentoring for Educators
- Practitioner Inquiry
- Reflective Practice for Educators

Staff Development and Engagement

Staff Continuous Learning

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Family and Caregiver Engagement

Operations and Management

- Centre Innovation and Change Adoption
- Data and Information Management
- Operations Management
- Visioning and Strategic Planning

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR

Beginning Early Years Educator to Senior Early Years Educator

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATOR TRACK (CONTINUED)

Senior Early Years Educator to Curriculum/Pedagogy Specialist

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JOB ROLE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR (BPE)

As a Beginning Preschool Educator, you create a secure and quality learning environment for children through fostering meaningful relationships with them. You support the holistic development of children by implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum, and nurturing trusting and respectful relationships with the children. You build partnerships with parents and families, and actively engage in centre initiatives to support its collaborative efforts with the community. You work closely with colleagues and contributes to a culture of collaboration and collegiality. You also participate in professional development and service quality improvement activities.

Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

Interaction and Relationship

Family and Community Partnership

Family and Caregiver Engagement

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour

- Child Development Assessment
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Early Childhood Curriculum Design

Child Learning and Development

Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice

STAGE 2 TSCs

Early Childhood Programme Planning

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Stage 2 TSCs are additional TSCs that you can work on once you have a firm grounding of Stage 1 TSCs.

Reflective Practice for Educators

Stage 1 TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

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JOB ROLE PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR (PE)

As a Preschool Educator, you effectively create a secure and quality learning environment for the children through nurturing trusting and respectful relationships with them. You enrich children's learning by designing and implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum, while effectively integrating innovative teaching and learning practices. You are proactive and intentional in strengthening partnerships with families and the community, and co-design collaborative efforts with colleagues and stakeholders to achieve this goal.

As an experienced educator, you also provide suggestions and ideas to improve professional development in the centre, while also contributing to the centre's culture of collaboration and collegiality.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Child Observation
- Classroom Management and Guidance of Children's Behaviour
- Early Childhood Programme Planning

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Diversity and Inclusion
- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

Data and Information Management

Professional Practice and Development

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- Practitioner Inquiry

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Child Safety and Well-Being

Interaction and Relationship

Family and Community Partnership

Family and Caregiver Engagement

Reflective Practice for Educators

Professional Practice and Development

JOB ROLE SENIOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR (SPE)

As a Senior Preschool Educator, you mentor the beginning educators to enhance their teaching practice, including the nurturing of trusting and respectful relationships with children. You utilise in-depth knowledge and pedagogical expertise to design and implement a developmentally appropriate curriculum for children, as well as contribute to innovations in teaching and learning practices.

You oversee the design and set-up of a secure and quality learning environment for children. You also mentor other educators in preparing learning experiences and environment for the children in line with centre's philosophy and curricular goals. You develop structures for sustained collaborative partnerships with families and communities, and support in fostering a culture of continuous learning, collaboration and collegiality within the centre.

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Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Diversity and Inclusion
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Family and Community Partnership

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- Situation Management with Families and Community
- **Professional Practice and Development**
- Coaching and Mentoring for Educators
- Reflective Practice for Educators

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

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- Learning Environment Design

Child Safety and Well-Being

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- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

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Operations and Management

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Professional Practice and Development

- Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines
- Practitioner Inquiry

Staff Development and Engagement

- Staff Communication and Engagement
- Staff Continuous Learning

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JOB ROLE LEAD PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR (LPE)

As a Lead Preschool Educator, you provide leadership for the development of teaching and learning practices at the centre. You ensure that the curricular goals are sound and progressive. Steeped in knowledge on the latest developments in pedagogy, you mentor and provide leadership in designing and implementing a holistic curriculum. You regularly conduct inquiry into the emerging trends and latest developmental approaches to introduce new teaching and learning methods, tools and assistive technologies.

Working with the centre's leadership team, you foster a culture of continuous learning and professionalism, and develop and lead in partnerships and sustained collaborations with stakeholders.

Family and Community Partnership

- Community Partnership
- Family and Caregiver Engagement

Operations and Management

- Centre Innovation and Change Adoption
- Data and Information Management
- Operations Management
- Visioning and Strategic Planning

Professional Practice and Development

 Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines

Staff Development and Engagement

 Staff Communication and Engagement

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Child Learning and Development

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Professional Practice and Development

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Child Learning and Development

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Safety and Well-Being

Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children

Child Observation

- Interaction and Relationship
- Responsive Caregiving Approaches

Stage 1TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE CURRICULUM/PEDAGOGY SPECIALIST (CPS)

As a Curriculum/Pedagogy Specialist, you have a span of influence over professional matters beyond the centre level. Steeped in knowledge on the latest developments in pedagogy, you provide leadership in the review, design and implementation of a holistic curriculum and drive the development of teaching and learning practices beyond the centre. You work

with the organisation's leadership team to ensure alignment of curricular goals and teaching practices across the centres. In addition, you inculcate a strong culture of collaboration and promotes professionalism across centres.

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Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
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- Practitioner Inquiry
- Reflective Practice for Educators

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Child Learning and Development

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Staff Continuous Learning

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JOB ROLE DEPUTY CENTRE LEADER (DCL)

As a Deputy Centre Leader, you assist in the development of the centre's strategic plans and support efforts to foster a culture of care and trust, mentoring, collaborative professionalism and continuous development within the centre. You oversee management and optimisation of centre resources and the implementation of specific centre

STAGE 1 TSCs

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Learning Environment Design

Family and Community Partnership

Children's Behaviour

Community Partnership

programmes, initiatives and events. As a key member of the leadership team in the centre, you work closely with your colleagues to ensure the quality of the curriculum and pedagogy to support the holistic development of children.

You also work with your senior educators to set the direction for parent partnership, community engagement and talent management within the centre. You possess strong engagement skills and are able to build and leverage effective relationships with stakeholders. You also coach your colleagues on their personal and professional development within the centre.

- Operations and Management
- Centre Innovation and Change Adoption
- Operations Management
- Visioning and Strategic Planning

Professional Practice and Development

 Collaborative Practices with Stakeholders across Disciplines

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Family and Community Partnership

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- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

- Data and Information Management
- Financial Management

Professional Practice and Development

- Coaching and Mentoring for Educators
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- Reflective Practice for Educators

Staff Development and Engagement

Staff Continuous Learning

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JOB ROLE CENTRE LEADER (CL)

As a Centre Leader, you lead in developing strategic plans and structures to foster a culture of care and trust, mentoring, collaborative professionalism and continuous learning within the centre. You are responsible for managing and enhancing centre operations while adhering to industry regulations. You drive operational and programme excellence by developing strong processes in strategic areas such as governance, partnerships and staff development. As you hold the leadership role in the centre, you ensure the effective implementation of the curriculum and pedagogy to support the holistic development of children. You also develop frameworks for sustained collaborative partnerships with stakeholders, possess strong communication skills and are highly influential. You lead in modelling the centre's mission, vision and values, and oversee the well-being of all staff in the centre.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Early Childhood Curriculum Design
- Early Childhood Pedagogical Practice
- Early Childhood Programme Planning
- Diversity and Inclusion

Family and Community Partnership

- Family and Caregiver Engagement
- Situation Management with Families and Community

Operations and Management

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- Operations Management
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Professional Practice and Development

- Coaching and Mentoring for Educators
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- Staff Communication and Engagement
- Team Management

STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

- Child Development Assessment
- Child Observation
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Child Safety and Well-Being

- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition for Children
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Stage 1TSCs are prioritised TSCs that you may want to focus on in the first few years of taking on a new job role.

JOB ROLE SENIOR CENTRE LEADER (SCL)

As a Senior Centre Leader, you oversee and lead a cluster of centres. You play an active role as a mentor to other Centre Leaders, guiding them in the development of strategic plans and structures to ensure that the centres they lead deliver high quality programmes and lessons for the children. As an experienced leader in the area of centre management, you advance professionalism and organisation excellence through mentoring Centre Leaders on centre operations management, process improvements and governance across centres. You possess strong leadership skills and are able to build and leverage effective relationships with stakeholders. You drive the conceptualisation of cluster-wide networking plans to establish and sustain collaborative partnerships with stakeholders.

STAGE 1 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

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- Situation Management with Families and Community

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Professional Practice and Development

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Staff Development and Engagement

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STAGE 2 TSCs

Child Learning and Development

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Child Safety and Well-Being

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Child Observation

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR TRACK

Beginning Preschool Educator to Senior Preschool Educator

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR TRACK (CONTINUED)

Senior Preschool Educator to Curriculum/Pedagogy Specialist

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PROGRESSION OF TSCs FOR PRESCHOOL EDUCATOR TRACK (CONTINUED)

Deputy Centre Leader to Senior Centre Leader

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OVERVIEW OF FOCUS AREAS



In addition to the guidance on training that EC educators can undertake for the various job roles, there are 6 focus areas which have been identified for EC educators to:

- Support the sector's learning needs
- Enhance quality of educators through professional development provisions for them to acquire and deepen their knowledge and skills in these areas of priority

The 6 focus areas are as follows:

| FOCUS AREAS | DEFINITION |
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| Classroom Management | Classroom management refers to the skills and techniques that an educator uses in managing and guiding children's behaviour to facilitate the delivery of learning activities and meaningful participation. |
| Early Years (Birth to 3) | The Early Years (Birth to 3) is often referred to as the critical window of opportunity where children's brains form neural connections at unparalleled rates. It is thus exceedingly important to optimise children's learning and development during this period through providing quality care, interaction and experiences. |
| Inclusive Practice | Inclusive practice recognises the diversity of children and applies strategies to enable meaningful participation for each child across different early childhood settings. |
| Outdoor Learning | Outdoor learning refers to outdoor experiences intentionally provided to support children's play, exploration and discovery in natural or urban outdoor spaces. |
| Parent Engagement | Parent engagement is a shared responsibility in which schools, organisations and community agencies recognise the central role of the family in every child's life and develop strategies for family engagement, nurturing trust and rapport to enhance children's developmental outcome. |
| Social and Emotional Development | Social and emotional development refers to the soft skills that are essential for children's personal and social well-being. It also increases children's capacity to learn and help them prepare for life beyond school. |

To identify training courses for each focus area, please refer to ECDA's CPD Prospectus (link can be found on page 5 of this roadmap).

NON-COURSE-BASED TRAINING

Training courses are only one form of learning. You should also consider other forms of professional development such as the following suggested list of non-course-based training:

1

Induction Programme

Each organisation has its own unique vision, mission and philosophy. The main purpose of an induction programme is to integrate new staff into the organisation, and to help them better understand the systems and procedures followed by the organisation. A good induction programme will facilitate seamless integration of the new staff, enabling him/her to contribute to the organisation effectively, which will benefit both the organisation and the new staff.

2

Community of Practice (COP)

COP is "a group of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do, and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly"¹. A COP enables educators to learn from one another through sharing of issues, ideas, lessons learned, research, problems and solutions around a specific common interest. Besides fostering learning, COP also allows socialising and networking among members and provides a platform to identify and share best practices. New knowledge gets created when members take back learning from the COP and implement it in their own job areas or centres. 3

Learning Journey to Other Centres

Learning journeys can be visits to other centres with specific learning outcomes in mind. For example, a centre keen to incorporate more outdoor learning in their curriculum may organise learning journeys to other centres or other operators that have successfully integrated outdoor learning.

4

Mentoring Programme

Mentorship is "a professional activity that aims to provide career guidance, professional growth and personal enrichment"². The benefits of mentoring include:

- Providing an opportunity for transmission of organisational values and culture to junior staff
- Spreading a learning culture there is a lot of learning and experience that the junior mentee can glean from a senior mentor. The mentor would get the chance to impart knowledge to the mentee, guide him/her in his/her career development and at the same time, develop his/her coaching skills
- Spot-on development issues that are worked on are what the mentee needs most help in. Hence, it can also provide timely intervention.

¹ Adapted from source: Introduction to Communities of Practice. https://www.wenger-trayner.com/introduction-to-communities-of-practice/ (accessed 4 September 2023)

² Early Childhood Development Agency. *Mentoring Matters: A Practical Guide to Learning Focused Relationships.* Singapore: ECDA, 2016. (www.ecda.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/early-childhood-educator/ecdamentoring-matters-e-book.pdf?sfvrsn=e727fa19_3)

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Peer Sharing

Through peer sharing sessions, educators share good practices with fellow educators. The sessions may include sharing of programmes and/or teaching and learning strategies. By providing educators with the opportunity to share and discuss their practice, peer sharing sessions encourage mutual learning and exchange among fellow educators.

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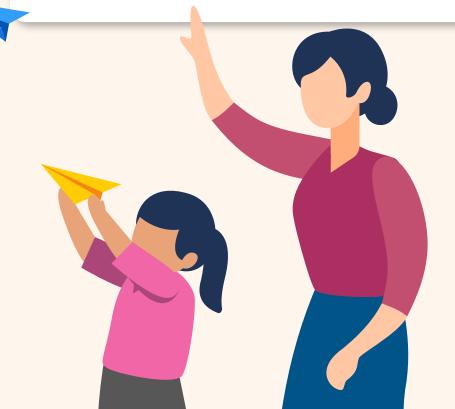
Work Attachment

A work attachment is when an educator shadows a host educator. The attachment can be across different centres within the same operator or across different operators as well as other agencies such as ECDA. The focus is to allow the participant to appreciate different operating contexts and to learn good practices from other centres or organisations. Work attachments could be of varying duration, depending on the needs of the educators and the organisations, e.g. a single 1-day session, a few half-day sessions or a few full-day sessions spread over a few weeks or months.

6

Project/Stretch Assignment

Projects or stretch assignments are suitable for developing leadership skills and other competencies where educators could be given opportunities to lead and take on assignments that involve the acquisition of new knowledge and skills. The project/stretch assignment could be event-based (e.g. planning a parent or community engagement session) or curriculum-related (e.g. implementing outdoor learning in the centre).



Annex — Individual Professional Development Roadmap (IPDM) Template

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAP (IPDM)

1. Fill in how you will carry out your CPD¹ activities

2. Track your progress

| Name of Educator: | | | | | | Occupational Title: | | | | | |
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| Plan | | | | | | | | Log | | | |
| S/N | What competencies do I want to work on? | | | What do I want to learn? Type of CPD | | When do I do this? What resources are needed? | | CPD Date(s) | CPD Hours Completed or | Learning & Application | |
| 5/1 | TSC Category | TSC | TSC Proficiency Levels | Learning Goals | CPD Activity ¹ | Month/Year | (e.g. Funding Support, Approval etc.) | | Reason(s) for not completing | Learning & Application | |
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EARLY CHILDHOOD • CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

Signature of Educator and Date

Signature of Centre Leader and Date

Annex — Individual Professional Development Roadmap (IPDM) Sample

INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MAP (IPDM)

1. Fill in how you will carry out your CPD¹ activities

2. Track your progress

| Name of Educator: Ms Sample | | | | | Occupational Title: Beginning Preschool Educator | | | | | | |
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| Plan | | | | | | | Log | | | | |
| S/N | What competencies do I want to work on? | | | What do I want to learn? | Type of CPD | When do I do this? | What resources are needed? | CPD Date(s) | CPD Hours Completed or | Learning & Application | |
| 5/14 | TSC Category | TSC | TSC Proficiency Levels | Learning Goals | CPD Activity ¹ | Month/Year | (e.g. Funding Support, Approval etc.) | | Reason(s) for not completing | Learning & Application | |
| 1 | Child Learning and Development | Child Observation | Lvl. 2 – Carry out observation and documentation of children's learning and development | To be equipped with the skills and knowledge to support the | Designing, Implementing and Evaluating Early Childhood Outdoor Activities (4- 6yrs old) | mm/yy | Cost: \$326.35 (with GST) Funding support available from SSG | dd/mm/yy | 14 hours | E.g. I will use (knowledge / skills) to support xxxx (names of children) in (eg. daily routines / activities) from term 2. E.g. I will use (new methods) to interact with the children in my class / centre daily from term 2. | |
| | | Learning Environment Design | Lvl. 3 – Design quality indoor and outdoor learning environment according to children's developmental milestones to engage children purposefully | learning and development of children aged 4-6 | Mentoring Sessions | Once a Term | Protected time for discussions with mentor | Ongoing | Approx.1 hour per session | E.g. I will share (my learning) with fellow educators in my centre by end of term 2. E.g. I will apply (takeaways) which I have learnt from my mentor in designing the learning environment of my classroom. | |
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Signature of Educator and Date

Signature of Centre Leader and Date

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Hebron Christian Preschool

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