

**Credential AREA: Infant-Toddler Credential (Level 2)**  
**TOPIC: IRE-PPD Custom Assessment Example**  
**Family Involvement & Communication Artifact**

**I. Assessment Competency & Standards Alignment**

Gateways Competencies Assessed	Competency Alignment by citation
	Zero to Three (2016)
<b>ITC IRE1:</b> Identifies the importance of healthy practitioner-parent interactions and relationships in nurturing the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three	-----
<b>ITC IRE2:</b> Describes interactions and strategies that support healthy infant/toddler development, learning, mental health, and well-being and how these can be integrated into daily routines	SE-5a, C-4a
<b>ITC IRE3:</b> Engages in interactions, embedded in daily routines and activities, supportive of developing and maintaining nurturing relationships with infants and toddlers	SE-1a, SE-1b, SE-1c, SE-1d, SE-1e, SE-1f, SE-1g, SE-1h, SE-1i, SE-2a, SE-3d, SE-3g, SE-5d, SE-5e, SE-5i, SE-6g, C-3f, L&L-2d
<b>ITC PPD2:</b> Uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive, responsive, respectful relationships with families	-----

**II. Assessment Task Description/ Directions**

In this assignment, you will develop a newsletter, podcast or newscast for your infant/ toddler families that highlights the importance of healthy practitioner-parent interactions and relationships in nurturing the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three. You will also provide a description of three to four interaction strategies that support healthy infant/ toddler development, learning, mental health, and well-being and how these can be integrated into daily routines.

Technology Option:  
← Embedded

The following content should be covered within your newsletter, podcast, or newscast:

- a. A description of how positive practitioner-parent interactions and relationships support growth-promoting, positive parent-child interactions and relationships from birth-3
- b. Examples of approaches for maintaining and strengthening caregiver/child relationships as the primary focus of all activities with infants and toddlers
- c. Examples of how interactions support learning early development (e.g., those that foster attachment, self-regulation, and self-concept) can be integrated into daily caregiving and play routines

- d. Research strategies (e.g., using non-verbal signals, such as eye contact and gestures, using verbal language) to support early communication and language in infants and toddlers with consideration given for individual differences and multilingual learners and families
- e. Characteristics of interactions (e.g., those that are responsive) that promote and support mental health development of infant/ toddlers' emotional security and expression, self-regulation, and self-confidence to explore and learn
- f. Recommendations of relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive, responsive, respectful relationships with families

**Technology Option:**  
 - Communication options

Assignment requirements also include the following:

- Product format – you may elect to develop a newsletter, podcast, or newscast
- Coverage of the age span across the birth to three continua
- Citations provided from research on a separate document
- An engaging overall product

### III. Assessment Rubric

ITC Level 2-4 ITC Family Involvement & Communication Artifact Custom Rubric					
Competency	Distinguished	Competent	Developing	Unsatisfactory	Unable to Assess
<b>IRE1:</b> Identifies the importance of healthy practitioner-parent interactions and relationships in nurturing the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three	Explains how positive practitioner-parent interactions and relationships are essential in supporting the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three  Uses research to as a rationale to support explanation	Explains how positive practitioner-parent interactions and relationships are essential in supporting the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three	Identifies the relationship between positive practitioner-parent interactions and relationships and supporting the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three	Inaccurate or incomplete identification of the relationship between positive practitioner-parent interactions and relationships and supporting the development, learning, mental-health, and well-being of young children, birth to age three	

Zero to Three: N/A					
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Competency	Competent				Unable to Assess
	Checklist Criteria				
<p><b>IRE2:</b> Describes interactions and strategies that support healthy infant/toddler development, learning, mental health, and well-being and how these can be integrated into daily routines</p> <p><b>Possible Codes:</b> N = names, P = provides example of</p> <p><b>Zero to Three:</b> SE-5a, C-4a</p>		how interactions that support learning core tasks of early development (e.g., those that foster attachment, self-regulation, and self-concept) can be integrated into daily care giving and play routines			
		strategies (e.g., using non-verbal signals such as eye contact and gestures; using verbal language) to support early communication and language in infants and toddlers of different ages			
		characteristics of interactions (e.g., responsive) that promote and support the healthy development of infant/toddlers' emotional security and expression, self-regulation, and self-confidence to explore and learn			

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<p><b>IRE3:</b> Engages in interactions, embedded in daily routines and activities, supportive of developing and maintaining nurturing relationships with infants and toddlers</p> <p><b>Zero to Three:</b> SE-1a, SE-1b, SE-1c, SE-1d, SE-1e, SE-1f, SE-1g, SE-1h, SE-1i, SE-2a, SE-3d, SE-3g, SE-5d, SE-5e, SE-5i, SE-6g, C-3f, L&amp;L-2d</p>	<p>Forms responsive, affectionate relationships with infants and toddlers</p> <p>Responds to children's emotional expression in sensitive and age-appropriate ways</p> <p>Demonstrates interaction and support techniques appropriate to infants and toddlers (e.g., responding, turn-taking, attunement, elaborating, redirecting, providing positive guidance)</p> <p>Identifies strategies or directly supports families and colleagues in developing and maintaining nurturing relationships with infants and toddlers</p>	<p>Forms responsive, affectionate relationships with infants and toddlers</p> <p>Responds to children's emotional expression in sensitive and age-appropriate ways</p> <p>Demonstrates interaction and support techniques appropriate to infants and toddlers (e.g., responding, turn-taking, attunement, elaborating, redirecting, providing positive guidance)</p>	<p>Forms relationships with infants and toddlers</p> <p>Responds to children's emotional expression</p>	<p>Forms challenging and/or negative relationships with infants and toddlers</p> <p>Responds to children's emotional expression in insensitive and age-inappropriate ways</p> <p>Demonstrates interaction and support techniques that lack appropriateness</p>	
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<p><b>PPD2:</b> Uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive, responsive, respectful relationships with families</p> <p><b>Zero to Three:</b> N/A</p>	<p>Demonstrates that the primary role of an infant/toddler practitioner is to build positive, respectful, responsive relationships with families and with children</p> <p>Identifies and uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive partnerships with</p>	<p>Demonstrates that the primary role of an infant/toddler practitioner is to build positive, respectful, responsive relationships with families and with children</p> <p>Identifies and uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive</p>	<p>Demonstrates positive, respectful, responsive relationships with families and with children</p> <p>Identifies and uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive relationships with families and children</p>	<p>Demonstrates negative, stressful relationships and interactions with families and children</p> <p>Fails to apply relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive relationships with families and children</p>	

	families and nurturing relationships with children.  Identifies strategies to support others in adopting and using relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain positive partnerships with families and nurturing relationships with children	partnerships with families and nurturing relationships with children			
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#### IV. Data Collection & Analysis Tool

Competency & Standards Alignment		Cumulative Assessment Data				
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<b>ITC PPD2:</b> Uses relationship-based strategies to develop and maintain	-----					

positive, responsive, respectful relationships with families						
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