



# Quality assessment of ECEC environments

## What it is

Drawing on the educational program and the "Gazelle et Potiron" framework and other recognized Early Childhood Education models, our approach allows to measure the role the physical environment and best practices tied to it play in the children's overall development.

Consistent with government regulations, principles of sustainable development and Planetree designation criteria, this comprehensive assessment has three main perspectives:

- A person-centered environment;
- An environment that promotes the children's overall development and healthy lifestyles;
- Environmental practices aligned with principles of sustainable development.

## Why

- To foster environments that encourage the well-being of children, their families, staff and volunteers;
- Because a healthy environment plays a role in the quality of life of its occupants, which directly and positively influences the quality of services;
- But especially because environment is a factor influencing overall development of future generations.

## For whom

Early Childhood Education Centers (ECEC).

## How

Surveys, site visit and focus groups; analysis and detailed report.

## The outcome

Reports that outline:

- Strengths and assets;
- Recommendations and suggestions;
- Focus on practices to be maintained and those to be improved;
- Tools that foster the creation and nurturing of environments favorable towards healthy eating habits, active play and overall development of the children.



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