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## Infant/ Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS- 3) May 6, 13 and 20, 2023

On May 6, 13, and 20, 2023, 29 childcare providers completed three Saturdays on Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale Third Edition (ITERS-3) via remote training facilitated by Russelle Mae Ignacio Evergreen Learning coach. The Environment Rating Scales (ERS) including ITERS-3 edition is widely used throughout the United States to assess and improve the quality of interactions in a childcare setting between teachers and infants and toddlers up to thirty-six months. The purpose of this training is to provide information on how the scale is utilized in an infant- toddler environment. The information provided by the trainer helps our childcare programs implement high quality practices such as responsive caregiving in an early childhood education; positive and warmth back and forth interaction; extensive talks and choosing a developmentally age- appropriate materials, furniture and equipment. Before each training course started, our participants were given the chance to ask questions and make clarifications which made this training more meaningful. Ample time was also provided to discuss each item and key points to remember. Our last session ended with an activity on how they prepare their Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) and identifying their priorities to address items with a rating below three. This information is crucial in making improvements toward a higher quality childcare program.

