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ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALES (ERS)

The Environment Rating Scales (ERS) are observational assessment tools used to evaluate the quality of early childhood programs. The ERS tools have been internationally tested for reliability and validity in providing information about the quality of childhood programs, based on current research regarding positive child outcomes.

There are four scales that are utilized in the PA Quality Initiatives: the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale - Revised (ITERS-R), the Early Childhood Rating Scale - Revised (ECERS-R), the School-Age Environment Rating Scale (SACERS), and the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale - Revised (FCCERS-R). The tool utilized is dependent on the setting and age range of the children in a particular program.

Each ERS scale is divided into criteria that assess the program's physical environment, health and safety procedures, materials, interpersonal relationships, and opportunities for learning and development.

What is the process to have an ERS Visit at my facility?

- Scheduling an Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Visit
- ERS Scheduling Tip Sheet (Printer-Friendly Version)

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