

WHY OBSERVATION is important

Through observation and developmental monitoring, parents, home visitors, and child care providers observe how children grow and change, and how they meet typical developmental milestones.

Observation can be described as:

Paying close attention to a child's behaviors, interactions, activities, and interests

Noticing all aspects of the child's development

Watching and listening to learn about an individual child

★ If you have concerns about your child's behaviors or development, contact your Child Development Center for a screening.

As care givers observe infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, they:

Individualize care and curriculums, including interactions, teaching practices, learning experiences, routines, and schedules

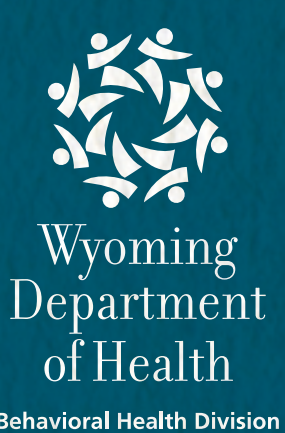
Measure and track progress in acquiring skills and concepts over time, as part of the ongoing assessment cycle

Better understand children's goals and intentions

Build relationships with children and their families



Observation is a powerful tool!
Paired with developmental screenings and evaluations, which take a closer look at your child's development, observation is the entryway to individualized treatments and services.



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★ One Before Two is a campaign through the Wyoming Department of Health Child Find program dedicated to ensuring every child in Wyoming has a developmental screening once before the age of two, and every year after that until they are five years old.

