

WHAT DO FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW?



What Is OCA?

Ongoing Child Assessment is the process of gathering, documenting, tracking, and using information over time about your child's growth and development.

What is the Purpose of OCA?

- Helps to **plan** the best interventions for your child and see how well they are working
- Helps to **individualize** learning strategies based on your child's interests
- Allows us to **celebrate** your child's progress and stay up-to-date with their development

What Does OCA Look Like?

- Together, we'll **observe** your child in various familiar settings and activities to understand their abilities and interests.
- Together, we'll **talk** about what you see your child doing in everyday life; in your home and community.
- We'll use a tool to guide the assessment and **document** your child's development and progress in a variety of ways.
- Based on the assessment, together we'll **plan** the activities and strategies that will support your child's growth and development.

What is Your Role in OCA?

- **Share** what you see your child doing at home and in the community. You know your child best!
- **Explore** together how everyday activities can be learning opportunities.
- **Communicate** activities and strategies that work (and don't work) for you and your child.
- **Tell** us what you are concerned about or need support with.
- **Stay engaged** by participating in visits, asking questions, and creating joint plans to practice when we aren't with you.

[Additional Resource for Home Visitors
Child Assessment Tip Sheet](#)

["How to Talk About OCA"
Video Example](#)