# Rubric:  Early Childhood Observation Assessment

| Observation Criteria | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| **Linked to Objectives** | Observation insufficient to assess objective | Observation weakly linked to objective assessed | Observation adequate to assess objective | Observation adequate to assess two objectives | Observation adequate to assess multiple objectives |
| **Objective and Specific regarding children, materials, time span, etc.** | Observation contains subjective impressions and lacks specificity | Observation contains either some degree of specificity or objectivity but not both | Observation contains adequate specificity and objectivity to describe event | Observation contains multiple details of the specific event reported in objective language | Observation contains extensive details of the specific event that creates a clear, unbiased picture of the event |
| **Directness (use of direct quotes)**  **Note:**  This dimension should not be scored if the observation is nonverbal. | Observation lacks direct quotes | Observation has minimal direct quotes from children | Observation has adequate direct quotes from children | Observation has adequate direct quotes from more than one child or adult | Observation has numerous direct quotes from multiple children and/or adults |
| **Nonverbal description of mood of event (body language, facial expressing, gestures, etc.)** | Observation lacks description of mood of event | Observation has minimal description of mood of event | Observation has adequate description of mood of event | Observation provides more than one descriptor of mood of event | Observation has numerous and specific descriptions of mood of event |
| **Completeness:** <br> • event sequence (beginning, middle and end) <br> • setting, <br> • persons involved, <br> • order of occurrence, <br> • responses and interactions | Observation lacks any indicators of completeness | Observation includes one indicator of completeness | Observation includes 2-3 indicators of completeness | Observation includes 3-4 indicators of completeness | Observation includes all indicators of completeness |