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Monitoring Active Supervision

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Objectives

- This session will outline the six steps of Active Supervision.
- Participants will share effective strategies and techniques that promote the implementation of effective supervision practices that create a safe learning environment for young children.

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1302.47 - Safety practices

- (a) A program must establish, train staff on, implement, and enforce a system of health and safety practices that ensure children are kept safe at all times. A program should consult Caring for our Children Basics, available at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ecd/caring_for_our_children_basics.pdf, for additional information to develop and implement adequate safety policies and practices described in this part.

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1302.47 - Safety practices

- Allows flexibility to adjust policies and procedures
- Health and safety requirements
  - Facilities
  - Equipment
  - Materials
  - Background checks
  - Safety training
  - Safety practices
  - Administrative safety procedures
  - Disaster preparedness plans

Caring for Our Children Basics

- Provide guidance on **voluntary**, basic, minimum health and safety standards for early care and education programs
- Reduce conflicts and redundancies found in federal program standards that impact early childhood settings
- Enhance state child care licensing practices and QRIS
- Improve efficiencies in monitoring systems
- Create consistent **floor** across Head Start, child care, and pre-K from which programs would aspire/move to higher quality and upon which parents can rely

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Caring for Our Children Basics

Standard 2.2.0.1: Methods of Supervision of Children

"Active and positive supervision involves:

- Knowing each child's abilities;
- Establishing clear and simple safety rules;
- Being aware of and scanning for potential safety hazards;
- Standing in a strategic position;
- Scanning play activities and circulating around the area;
- Focusing on the positive rather than the negative to teach a child what is safe for the child and other children; and
- Teaching children the appropriate and safe use of each piece of equipment."

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Head Start Child Supervision Requirements

"no child shall be left alone or unsupervised while under their care"

(45 CFR 1304.52[i][1][iii])

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What is Active Supervision?

Steps to Implement

There are six active supervision strategies

1. Set Up the Environment
2. Position Staff
3. Scan and Count
4. Listen
5. Anticipate Children's Behavior
6. Engage and Redirect

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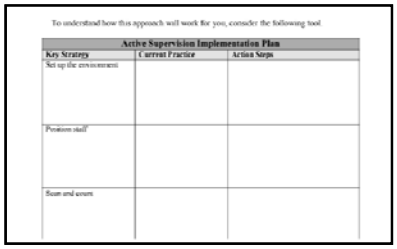
Active Supervision Implementation Plan



To understand how this approach will work for you, consider the following tool.

Active Supervision Implementation Plan

Key Strategy	Current Practice	Action Steps
Set up the environment		
Position staff		
Scan and count		

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Set Up Environment

- Child-sized furniture
- Free of clutter
- Large areas for active play
- Clear pathways

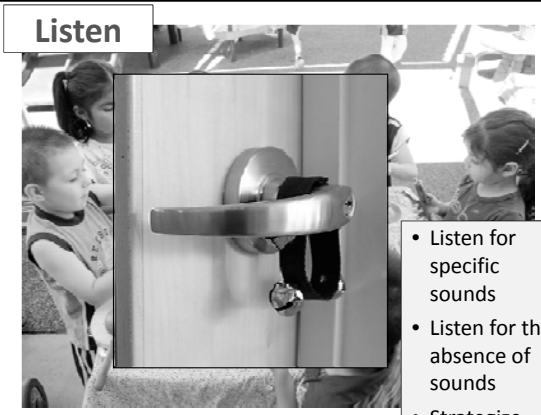
Position Staff

- See and hear all children
- Stay within easy reach
- Attend to children who may need additional support

Scan and Count

- **Continually scan**
- **Count frequently**

Listen



- Listen for specific sounds
- Listen for the absence of sounds
- Strategize

Anticipate

- Know children's individual interests and skills
- Recognize challenges
- Offer support

Engage and Redirect

- Promote problem solving
- Tailor assistance
- Provide alternate choices

Active Supervision

http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/modules/module3b/presenters-ppt/V3b_04.mpg

National Program for Playground Safety

www.playgroundsafety.org

Set Up the Outdoor Environment: Playgrounds

- Install safe structures
- Maintain impact-absorbing surface
- Use riding equipment safely
- Keep fall-zones clear
- Inspect & repair

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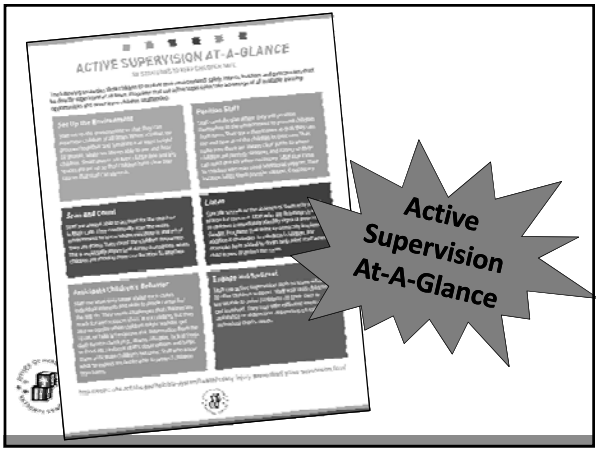
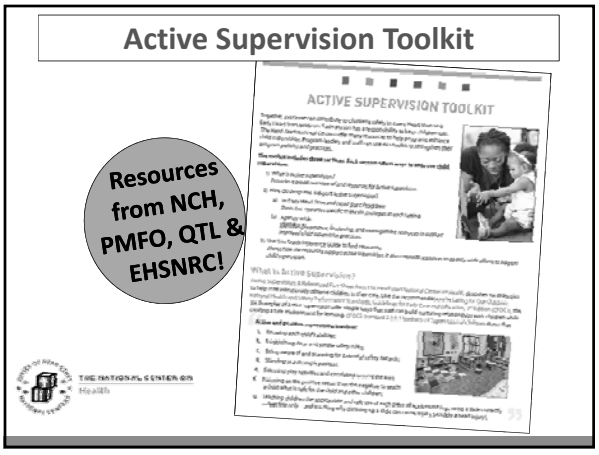


Active Supervision Toolkit



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Keeping it Simple with Systems
How Head Start Management Systems Support Active Supervision

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http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/operations/webinars/governance/governance-webinar-strategies.html#active

Aria's Story

Transport Children Safely

Implement and enforce policies and procedures for drivers, monitors, children and families

- Using school buses
- Driving to/from program
- Walking

Steps to Implement

Attention Management

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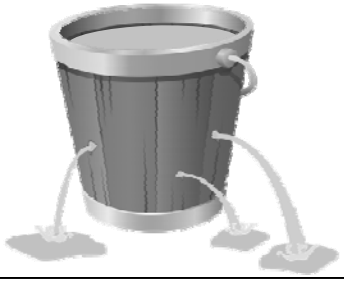

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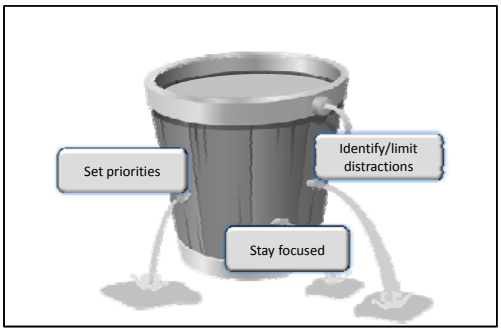


Employee Support

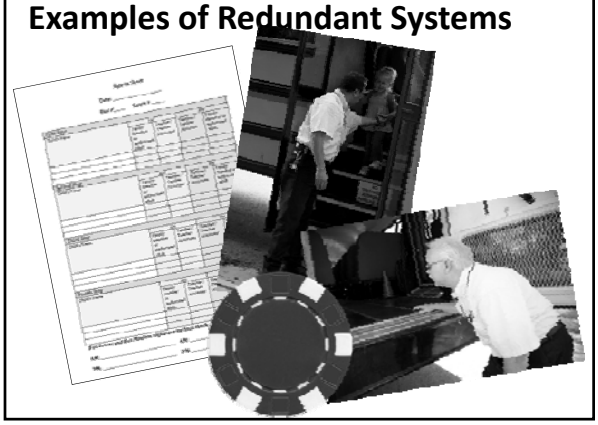
Describing the problem
One child's story

What is a fail safe or redundant system?

"A part that has the same function as another part and that exists so that the entire system will not fail if the main part fails."

-Merriam Webster Dictionary

Examples of Redundant Systems



When to use a redundant system?

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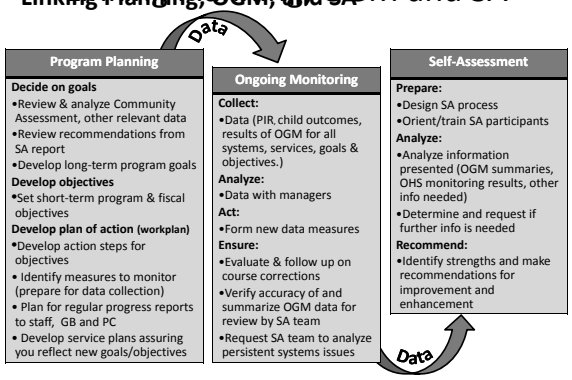
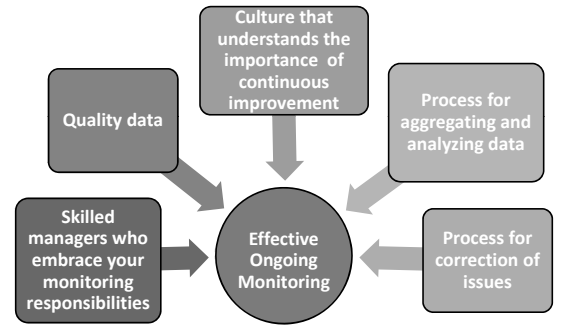
Linking Planning, OGM and SA



Elements of an Effective Monitoring System



Action Planning

Evaluation

Questions