

PICCOLO – Supporting Quality Parent-Child Interactions

The Parenting Interactions with Children: Checklist of Observations Linked to Outcomes (PICCOLO™) is a strengths-based measure of parenting that predicts children's early social, cognitive, and language behaviors. It is an observational tool designed to measure positive parenting behaviors as parents interact with their children.

In the spring and summer of 2020, parents in our Infant/Toddler program, Home Visit program, and Outreach program volunteered to send monthly videos of their routine interactions for us to score. We created an individualized Parent Report with **Next Step** strategies for quality interactions. In July, we sent out a survey to participating parents to collect their thoughts about the use of the PICCOLO™ **and the responses were overwhelmingly positive.** It is often challenging to read the unique cues of an infant or toddler with visual impairment and providing some guidance in this area is one area where we can help.

This winter, as early intervention staff continues to provide remote services, our Home Visit providers will begin to use the PICCOLO™ with ALL families, recording parent - child routines every three months.

Using the PICCOLO™ with families will help Anchor Center

- Guide individualized positive parenting interventions with families
- Collect Data on positive parenting outcomes of our parent support program

If you are interested in learning more or participating in this assessment trial, please contact Cathy Smyth, Director of Research, at csmyth@anchorcenter.org.