

HOME

- Descriptive tool designed to describe support provided to the child in the home environment
- Attempts to understand the environment from viewpoint of the child
- “No support” vs “a little support”

HOME Basic Concepts

- Home
- Observation
- Measurement
- Environment

Infant/Toddler HOME (0-2 years)

- Responsivity
- Acceptance
- Organization
- Learning Materials
- Involvement
- Variety

Early Childhood HOME

(3-5 years)

- **Learning Materials** (similar to IT-HOME learning materials)
- **Language Stimulation**
- **Physical Environment**
- **Responsivity** (similar to IT-HOME Responsivity)
- **Academic Stimulation** (similar to IT-HOME learning materials)
- **Modeling**
- **Variety**
- **Acceptance** (similar to IT-HOME acceptance)

Making Arrangements for and Conducting the HOME

- Plan for about an hour with parent and child
- Time when child is awake
- Open-ended questions
- Flexible and engaging
- Avoid “halo” effect

Scoring the HOME

- Items scored with either a + (yes; available in the home) or – (no; not available in the home)
- Each item:
 - O = observation
 - I = interview
 - E = either
- Child's point of view
- Stick to the content of the item
- Scores
 - Add up number of + marks on record form for each subscale to get a subscale total
 - Add subscale totals to get a total score
 - Transfer to Summary Sheet

Interpreting the Score

- Compare the obtained score to the median scores of the tool
- Actual score lower than the median score – discuss
- See the HOME Inventory Administration Manual for additional information on administration and scoring

HOME Inventory

Ordering and Information

- More information on the HOME Inventory can be found at:
 - <http://ualr.edu/case/index.php/home/home%E2%80%90inventory/>
- To obtain the manual and materials for administering and scoring the HOME Inventory, contact Lorraine Coulson at:
 - lrcoulson@ualr.edu
- HOME Training and Recalibration Interviews (DVD) by the University of WI Extension (2006)
 - Call Cooperative Extension Publications at 877-947-7827, order item B3828 or order online at learningstore.uwex.edu
- Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education
 - http://www.alphctc.org/sites/alphctc.org/files/documents/firstteacherhomevisiting_professionaldevelopment.html