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# Week By Week: Plans For Documenting Children's Development



## Synopsis

WEEK BY WEEK: PLANS FOR DOCUMENTING CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT, 7th Edition helps pre-service and in-service teachers manage detailed, meaningful documentation of their young students' development and achievements while attending to the other functions necessary to keep children safe and actively involved in learning. This all-purpose guide provides a concrete, systematic plan for recording each child's growth in all developmental areas. It also presents observation methods, reviews principles of child development as a framework for observation, provides example observation forms, and applies appropriate practice to authentic assessment. This edition features integrated coverage of NAEYC Standards and Developmentally Appropriate Practices, and learning objectives. Real-life examples, practical tips, forms with clear instructions, and step-by-step guidelines for gathering observational information and building a portfolio for each child make the book useful to teachers in training as well as practicing professionals.

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