



THE BASICS

1 PLAN

Know what you want to assess:

- Select skills that are important to children's learning

2 GATHER

Collect enough information:

- Use multiple methods
- Collect data across activities and settings
- Collect data over time

3 ORGANIZE

Select a system to organize assessment information about each child:

- Portfolios, notebooks, computer program

4 UNDERSTAND AND INTERPRET

Review data regularly with teaching teams and families:

- How well are children progressing toward their learning goals?
- Look for patterns and inconsistencies

5 ADJUST YOUR TEACHING

Use data to make decisions about instruction:

- Continue what you are doing
- Provide more support
- Provide more challenge