

Table 1

Observation Measures of Quality of Home-Based Care Settings: Basic Features

Measure	Age Range	Description	Observation Period	Key Reference
FCCERS-R: Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale—Revised ^a	2.5-5 years	Provider interview and observation 43 observation items, each rated on 7 pt. scale	3 hour observation + 20 minute provider interview	Harms, Clifford, & Cryer, (2007)
CHELLO: The Child/Home Early Language and Literacy Observation ^b	Birth – 5 years	Literacy environment checklist –22 dichotomous items; provider interview; and group/family observation—42 items rated on 5 pt scale	1.5 hours	Neuman, Koh, & Dwyer, 2008
APFCCH: Assessment Profile for Homes with Young Children ^c	Birth – 5 years	Provider interview and observation 178 dichotomous items	4 – 6 hours	Abbott-Shim, & Sibley, (1998)
IT-CC-HOME: Infant-Toddler Child Care HOME	Birth – 3 years	43 dichotomous items	1 hour	Bradley, Caldwell, & Corwyn, (2003)
EC-CC-HOME: Early Childhood Child Care HOME	3 – 6 years	58 dichotomous items	1 hour	
CCAT-R: Child Care Assessment Tool for Relatives	Birth – 6 years	Provider interview and observation. Time-sampled observation and summary items	2 – 2.5 hours	Porter, Rice, & Rivera, 2006
CIS: Caregiver Interaction Scale ^d	Toddlers – Kindergarten	26 items rated on 4 pt. scale	1 hour	Arnett, 1989
CLASS: Classroom Assessment Scoring System ^d	PreK & K-3 versions; toddler version in development	30-min. observe-code cycles; 10 dimensions rated on 7 pt. scale	2 -3 hours	Pianta, La Paro, & Hamre, 2007
QUEST: Quality of Early Childhood Care Settings: Caregiver Rating Scale ^d	Birth – 5 years	Environment Checklist—115 items rated on 3 pt scale and Provider Checklist- 69 items rated on 3 pt scale & 10 summary items	2-3 hours	Goodson, Layzer, & Layzer, 2005
ORCE: Observational Record of the Caregiving Environment ^d	Birth – 5 years (available at 6, 15, 24, 36, 54 months)	Observation cycle includes coding of behavioral scales (in 30 second intervals) and qualitative ratings based on the entire observation cycle.	Two to four 44-minute observation cycles	NICHD ECCRN, 1996 & 2001
C-COS: Child-Caregiver Observation System ^d	1 – 5 years	Time-sampled observation & 3 quality ratings on 5 pt scale	2 hours	Boller & Sprachman, 1998

^a Parallel version of measure is available for center-based care: ECERS-R (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale—Revised Edition) and ITERS-R (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale—Revised Edition)

^b Parallel version of measure is available for center-based care: ELLCO (Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation Tool--PreK)

^c Parallel version of measure is available for center-based care: APECP (Assessment Profile for Early Childhood Programs: Research Edition II)

^d Measure can also be used with caregivers in center-based care