EYLF V2.0 in Practice: Making Curriculum Decisions that Matter

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EYLF V2.0 Overview

EYLF V2.0 is a national guide for early childhood educators to support children's learning and development.

It promotes inclusive, play-based, and culturally responsive teaching strategies (Australian Government Department of Education, 2022).

The framework outlines five key outcomes that reflect what children should know, do, and understand.

Understanding Assessment in EYLF V2.0

Assessment is an ongoing process that helps educators notice, record, and interpret children's learning.

It supports planning by providing insights into each child's interests, needs, and developmental progress (Cohrssen, 2021).

Assessment must be authentic, respectful, and responsive to children's voices and cultures.

The Teaching-Learning Cycle

The teaching-learning cycle includes planning, implementation, assessment, and reflection.

Each phase helps educators tailor their practice to individual and group learning goals (Edwards, 2002).

This process is essential for responsive, intentional, and reflective early childhood education.

Using Assessment to Guide Teaching

Assessment informs curriculum by highlighting what children are curious about and what they are ready to learn next.

Educators use multiple tools such as learning stories, checklists, and reflective journals (Hargraves, 2020).

Ongoing assessment helps modify activities to suit evolving interests and abilities.

Making Curriculum Decisions that Reflect EYLF V2.0

Curriculum decisions should align with EYLF outcomes and reflect children's culture, language, and community.

Intentional teaching means knowing each child and choosing strategies that extend their learning (Livingstone, 2018).

Play is central to curriculum design, offering children freedom to explore and grow.

Teaching Standards for Early Career Educators

The Australian Professional Standards for Teachers guide ethical and reflective teaching.

Graduate-level standards focus on understanding learners, effective planning, and professional development (Sorin, 2017).

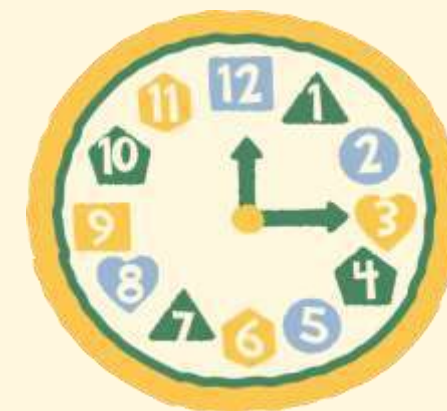These standards support best practices aligned with EYLF V2.0 principles.

Evaluating Your Practice

Ongoing evaluation helps educators understand what works and why.

Feedback from children, families, and colleagues strengthens planning and reflection (Tulloch, 2016).

Evaluating practice promotes continuous improvement and supports professional growth.

Creating Meaningful Learning Experiences

Meaningful learning experiences are hands-on, child-led, and connected to real-life contexts.

Activities should encourage creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration (UNICEF Australia, 2024).

Opportunities for outdoor, sensory, and dramatic play support holistic development.

Final Thoughts

EYLF V2.0 supports educators to design responsive and inclusive curriculum through assessment and reflection.

The teaching-learning cycle enables continuous, intentional decision-making.

Ongoing professional reflection is key to quality early childhood education.

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