

ANECDOTAL RECORD

An anecdotal record is a short, concise narrative summarizing one directly observed incident, usually ***chosen for its developmental significance***; it is recorded after the occurrence. Please remember to be objective and concise in your statements.

Child _____ Date/time _____ Age _____

Setting _____

Circumstances _____

Narrative account of what you saw; direct observations only – no inferences. This might include things such as child's: actions, behaviors, emotions, language (both spoken and body language), interest/engagement as well as the environmental context.

Reflection on your observation. Considerations might include age and stage of development, typical behaviors and other prior knowledge about the child, environmental context (both classroom and home), noticeable patterns as well as any questions you may have after this observation.

Actions to explore use the direct observation as well as the reflection to help you plan your next steps. These typically fall into three general areas: interactions (peer-to-peer and/or adult-to-child), environmental changes, experiences and/or provocations for the child.