Discussing Cognitive Development

Use this tool to have conversations with staff members about child development. You can also use the tool to prepare for meetings with families about their child's cognitive development.

| Questions to Ask | Notes |
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| What methods are you using to observe the child? How are you recording information? | |
| When have you observed the child? | Review observation notes. Child should have been observed across several different activities and over a period of time. |
| What do you know about expected developmental milestones at this age? | Review typical cognitive milestones. Refer to Lesson 2 within each Direct Care track for milestone charts. |
| What developmental milestones have you observed in this child? Provide specific, objective examples from your observation records. | |
| What are examples of challenges you see this child having? Provide specific, objective examples from your observation records. | |