Developmentally Appropriate Materials Best Practices Checklist

	Yes	No	Notes
All materials and equipment are age-appropriate for the children who will use them.			
The interests or preferences of children and youth are taken into account when choosing learning materials.			
Materials are rotated regularly based on children's interests.			
Materials reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and family diversity of the program and the community.			
Materials allow children or youth to engage in a variety of ways (open-ended materials).			
Materials help reach important learning goals for children and youth.			
Materials are accessible to children or youth. Duplicates of favorite toys are available.			
Materials do not portray outdated, stereotypical, or harmful messages about race, culture, ethnicity, gender, or family diversity.			