

WORKSHOP ACTION GUIDE

5 Stepping Stones to Move Past 'Meeting' to 'Exceeding'

Without focusing ONLY on documentation!



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WELCOME TO YOUR EMPOWERED ED COMMUNITY!

Hi there, I'm Jodie!



A Little About Me

I enjoy supporting early childhood educators around the world through my training sessions, blog posts, digital resources and **private educator Member Hub** to feel more confident in their role no matter their level of experience or the area of early learning they are currently working in!

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I have worked in the early childhood and community services profession for over 35 years so I know what it's like to be in the trenches without the support, time and step by step guidance you need. As busy (& underpaid!) educators we don't have time for difficult to understand jargon or lengthy theoretical debates - you just want to meet requirements while still having the time to do what you do best... supporting and extending the unique learning journey of every child in your care as they grow and discover in these very important early years.

And that is exactly why I like to do things a little bit differently to support educators just like you - I don't believe that professional development and the tools we use to do our jobs well need to be complicated, out of our budget or judgmental. I believe every adult learns differently and at a different pace and that's ok. There is nothing wrong with going back to basics & embracing simple...so welcome to our Empowered Ed Community... let's do this together!



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Hi there Empowered Ed!

I'm looking forward to connecting with you soon..

This workshop will show early childhood educators how to confidently link together different tools, strategies, environments and experiences to show evidence of an **overall exceeding educational program** so that you can focus more on the children instead of just paperwork!

You **CAN** become the educator who understands that documentation is only one **SMALL** part in creating a meaningful early childhood program and learning journey for each child ...and that means you are no longer just focusing all of your time, energy (and sanity) on figuring out the paperwork that makes you feel resentful and overwhelmed.

And I can't wait to show you how to do it!

You're in the RIGHT place if you want to know...

- **How a Program....**when used meaningfully, can achieve MORE than just showing evidence on a wall.
- Why being able to **explain what you do and why** is just as important as showing written 'evidence' when being assessed.
- **How you can confidently use other methods**, actions and your individual strengths in addition to documentation (instead of it being your only option!) to meet outcomes and exceed standards.
- How to show **EVIDENCE of your ongoing self reflection** and use that information to provide quality outcomes for children and their families.

You're in the wrong place if you ...

- Feel the only way to reach exceeding **is by writing more and being perfect**.
- **Don't feel you need to improve** any part of your practice or learn new skills.
- Know **exactly what core areas of your work to review** and focus on first when preparing for an assessment.
- Are confident you meet all learning outcomes and standards & **can explain HOW to someone** who doesn't work with you each day.

See you there!



tips for watching



AVOID DISTRACTIONS

Put your phone away, close your browser tabs, and **stay focused**.



TAKE NOTES

This is a **LIVE workshop**, so make every moment count!



STAY ACCOUNTABLE

Tag me [in the Facebook Group](#) and let me know you're watching!



Print this Action Guide & bring it with you.





reflection prompts

What are you already doing?

QUICKSTART PROMPT 1

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I use **at the moment** to ***program, document, assess and plan*** for each child's learning and development?

QUICKSTART PROMPT 2

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I **use at the moment** to support each child's ***healthy lifestyle, comfort, safety, protection and wellbeing?***

QUICKSTART PROMPT 3

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I **use at the moment** to create ***welcoming, inviting, inclusive and safe spaces*** for children both indoors and outdoors?

QUICKSTART PROMPT 4

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I **use at the moment** to ensure my professionalism, ***participation and role as a team member*** supports the provision of quality education and care?

QUICKSTART PROMPT 5

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I **use at the moment** to build relationships and interactions with children that consistently ***encourage a sense of belonging, wellbeing, safety and self-worth?***

QUICKSTART PROMPT 6

What tools, strategies, procedures and practices do I use at the moment to ***connect, collaborate and form strong relationships with parents?***



reflection answers

What I'm really doing!

QUICKSTART PROMPT 1

QUICKSTART PROMPT 2

QUICKSTART PROMPT 3

QUICKSTART PROMPT 4

QUICKSTART PROMPT 5

QUICKSTART PROMPT 6



the quick quiz

Identifying strengths & challenges



Can I **confidently explain what I do** with my planning, environments & day to day practice to another educator who doesn't work with me?



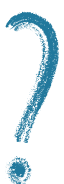
Can I **easily collect and show evidence of my practice** if asked? Do I know where everything is filed/stored? Do I know when I last updated this information?



What **in-action moments** would someone see if they observed my current environment, the children or my role as an educator during day to day practice?



What are my stepping stone strengths to build on?



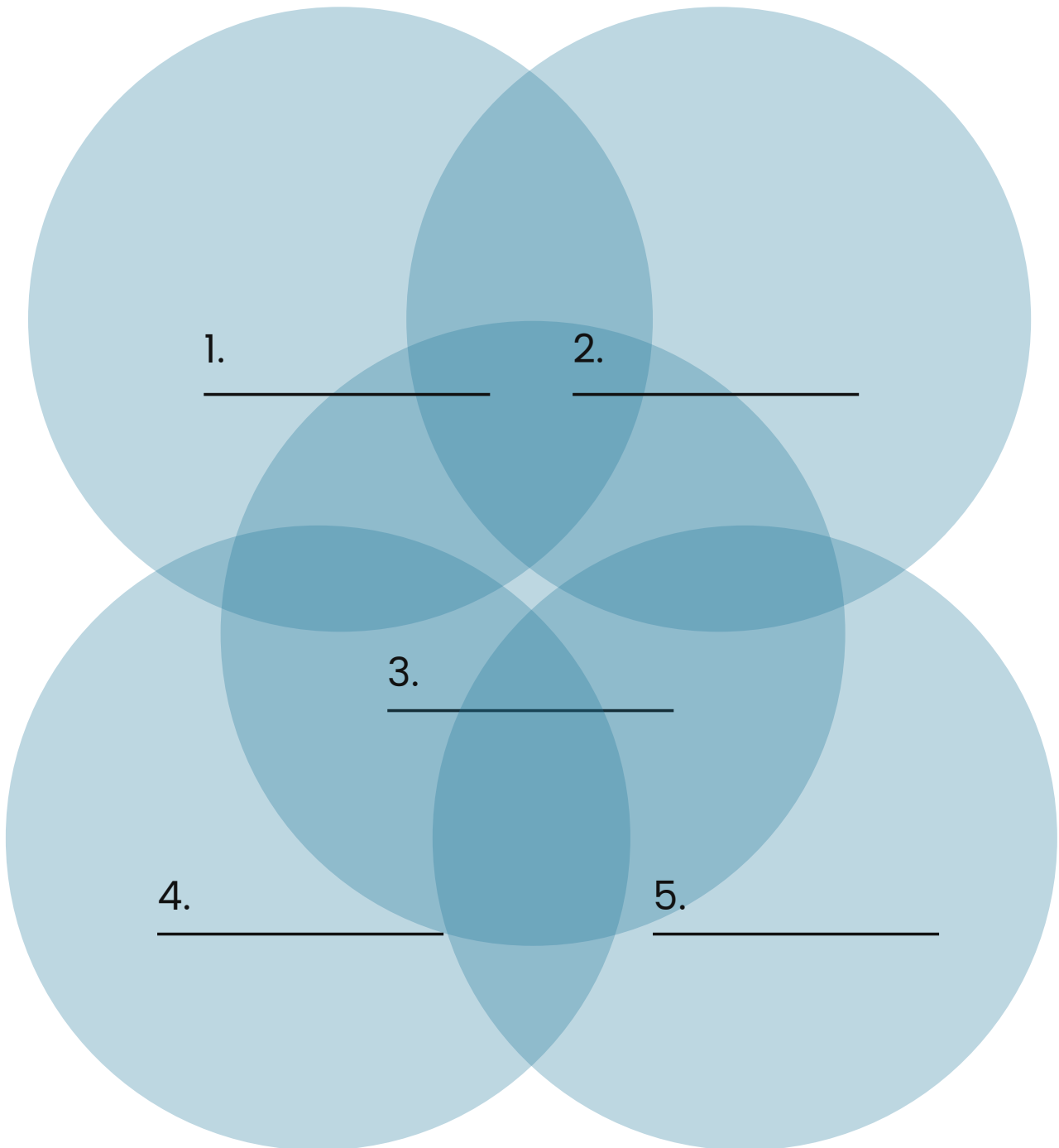
What are my stepping stone challenges to work on?



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the five **Stepping Stones**

As I take you through each of the 5 steps write them in below to keep a visual record for later reflection and to help you set goals.



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Stepping Stone 1



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Stepping Stone 4



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Stepping Stone 5



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The Big 'Not So Scary' One

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Planning for improvement

CRITICAL REFLECTION #1

I think I could do _____ differently because

WHAT WILL HELP ME DO THIS?

CRITICAL REFLECTION #2

I am avoiding making a change to my _____
because _____

WHAT COULD MAKE THIS CHANGE EASIER FOR ME?

CRITICAL REFLECTION #3

Before attending this webinar I was consistently focusing on my self reflection and improvement by _____ but now I also want to try _____

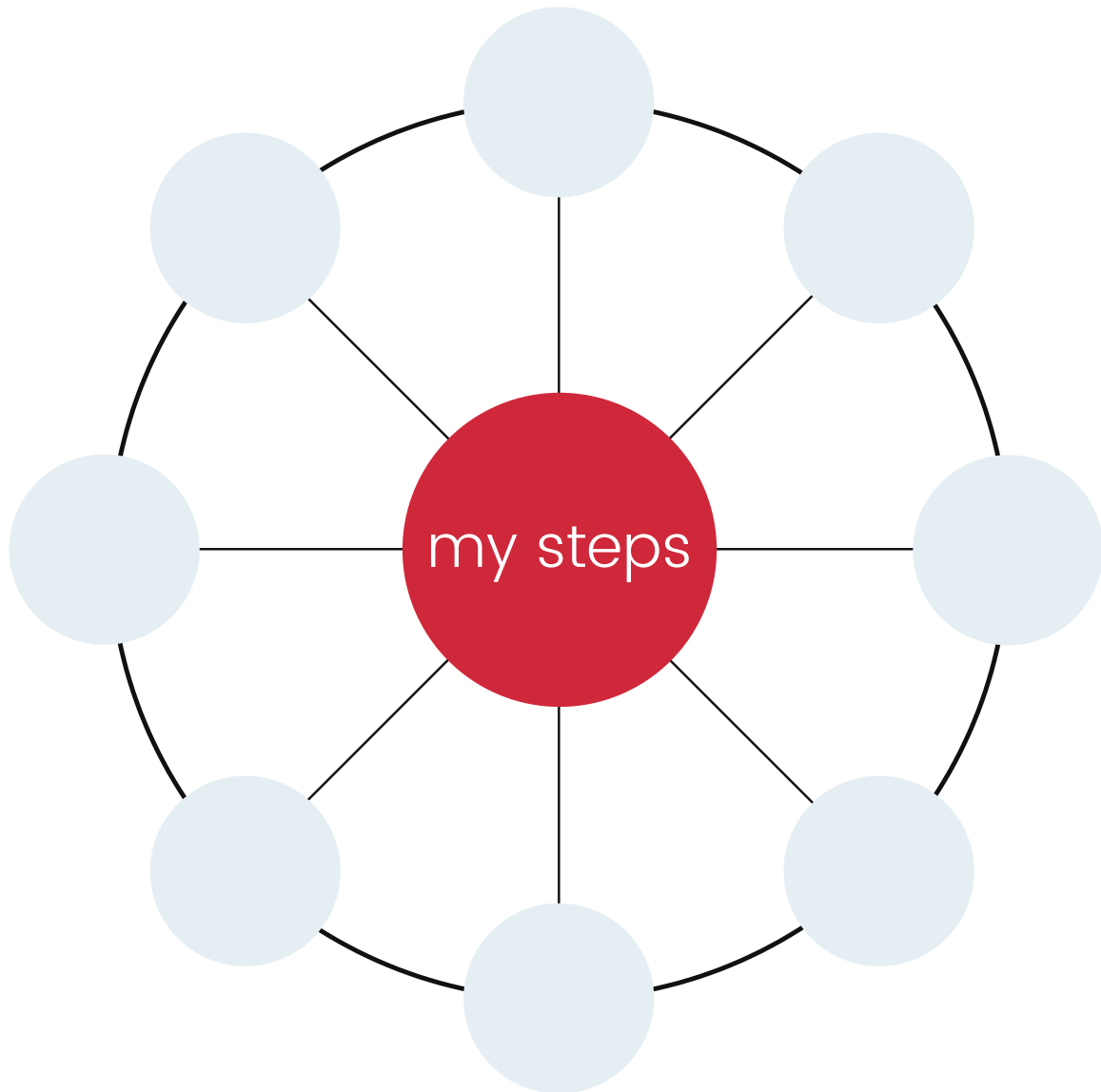
WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?



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what do I need?

Map out your action plan steps




Share your action steps with us in the **Empowered Ed Free Facebook Community** after attending the webinar with - make sure to use the hashtag **#empoweredactioned** in your post!

I'll be selecting random comments with the hashtag to receive a surprise online gift so make sure you jump over and join the group so you can participate and be in with a chance to win!


my action steps

What will move you forward?


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Your workshop notes

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Empowered Ed Resources

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