



Facts about Caregiver Interaction Scale

Region	Child Care	Family Child Care	Number of Staff	Number of Total Hours	Total Reflection on Practice Reports	Number of Site Accredited
One	11	2	90	279	13	6
Two	5	2	44	132	7	1
Three	22	0	222	666	22	19
Four	3	0	22	66	3	1
Five	3	0	26	78	3	0
Six	38	0	299	897	38	34
Seven	5	1	55	165	6	4
Eight	2	0	13	39	2	0
Nine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provincial Totals	89	5	692	2292	94	65

Enhancing Quality & Building Capacity as a result of CIS:

- While not formally part of the accreditation process, the Caregiver Interaction Scale observations provide a critical role in providing programs/agencies with greater assurance and an outside perspective on “interactions” in preparation for site visits. In particular, the CIS observations provide depth beyond what the accreditation checklists identify as gaps by uniquely offering both verbal feedback to each individual caregiver within the program/agency; as well as an overall program/agency report that addresses consistency of practice overall and consistency of practice to policy. Given that the report addresses both practice and policy it is then also supporting “evidence” to program/agency portfolios both relating to the 60% rating on interactions, and the 25% rating on administration.
- The CIS Service has also lead to a request for “individual mentoring support” for one caregiver who as a result of the observation and debrief wanted one-on-one Mentoring on occupational standards and best practice to assist her in further enhancing her interactions with young children.
- Staff who’ve taken part in the CIS observations have now asked ARCQE to develop a workshop in response to enhancing positive interactions with young children. A new workshop entitled Promoting Sensitive Interactions has been developed and will be delivered from Sept-March across the province in all regions.