Using PICCOLO and HOVRS in Virtual Home Visits

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What does a virtual home visit look like?

1. Zoom—full screen, gallery view—on screen, laptop, or smartphone
2. Cell phone—with or without facetime
3. Mail package & call by telephone

Virtual Home Visit Materials for PICCOLO & HOVRS

• HV guides caregiver to find family materials for:
  • PICCOLO observation
    • picture book or family pictures—anything with pictures to talk about
    • toys for pretending—plastic cups, bowls, & utensils; doll, blanket & bottle
    • toys with parts to share—puzzle, shape sorter, legos/duplos, blocks, beads
  • HOVRS observation
    • whatever the family already has or enjoys doing

• Observational measures used in home visiting
  • PICCOLO: developmentally supportive parent-child interactions
    • Affection, Responsiveness, Encouragement, Teaching
    • for more info: https://brookespublishing.com/product/piccolo/
  • HOVRS: quality of home visiting practices and family engagement
    • Relationship, Responsiveness, Facilitation, Collaboration (Practices)
    • Caregiver-child Interaction, Caregiver Engagement, Child Engagement (Engagement)
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• Both can be adapted to virtual home visits
2 ways to observe PICCOLO in virtual home visits

1. Observe OR record caregiver-child interaction during virtual home visit
2. Ask family to send a self-video caregiver playing with child for 5-10 min

How is PICCOLO used in virtual home visits?

Using effective practices:
1. Build relationship
2. Respond to family strengths
3. Facilitate positive interaction (PICCOLO)
4. Collaborate to plan, do, & reflect together

Giving feedback:

When you rolled the ball to him he rolled it back to you—you are helping him learn to take turns.

Less emphasis on materials, and more on parent-child interaction

3 ways to observe HOVRS in virtual home visits

1. I'm muted & off video, but I introduced myself so now I'll just watch
2. Supervisor watches recorded online visit
3. Supervisor online during visit
Observation-Based Coaching with HOVRS

- Coaching is an active ingredient in professional development
- When observers give positive feedback to home visitors about their practices, home visiting practices and family engagement improve

Parallel Strategies with PICCOLO and HOVRS

1. Supporting — Using observation-based coaching
2. Facilitating — Providing video feedback
3. Planning — Setting goals and planning next steps together

How is HOVRS used in virtual home visits?

Using “parallel process” for effective supervision:
1. Build relationship
2. Respond to HV strengths
3. Facilitate skills (HOVRS)
4. Collaborate to set goals and plan steps

Giving feedback:
You asked how they play with balls, she showed you, and you gave great feedback on how she teaches with toys.

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