

Focus on Your Centers/Classroom Design

Sometimes challenging behavior has a relationship to the materials you provide in your centers and how they are structured. To find out if your classroom design/centers need tweaking, do the following:

Instructions	
Step 1	Draw your classroom
Step 2	Everyday for a week, take note of when there are challenges
Step 3	Use a marker to make an X where challenging behavior occurred. Try to make an X for each incident
Step 4	<p>See if there is a pattern (see sample). If there is, ask yourself the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there adequate materials in this center to support the number of children who play there? • Are the majority of materials in the center of high interest to the children? • Are there too many children in this center? • Is the center set up so that children know what to do and how to do it? • Have children been introduced to the materials in the center and know the appropriate ways to interact with them? • Is there one item in the center that causes arguments or challenges? • Are the problems due to crowding or traffic flow? • Do the activities in the center require adult supervision or guidance?

Classroom Analysis

