

SUGGESTED EXERCISES

Observing a nursing rhyme activity on Cree numbers



Video: Cree numbers

OBJECTIVES

- Analyzing the profession.
- Promoting children's holistic development.
- Building a relationship of trust with children's families.
- Integrating the language and culture of belonging into educational practices.

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Approximate duration: 3 hrs

STEP 1

1.1 Watch the video clip as a group or individually.



STEP 2

2.1 In teams of two or three, answer the following question based on the video clip:

- If you had the opportunity, what question would you ask ...
 - ... the childcare centre's manager?
 - ... an educator?
 - ... a parent?

STEP 3

3.1 Split the students into three groups: manager, educator, parent.

- **GROUP 1 - Manager**

Draft five questions. Include the following:

- How they communicate to their staff the tasks to be done, and the role they play in the pedagogical planning.
- When hiring an educator, the professional skills and abilities they seek in relation to the First People's culture, traditions and language of belonging.

- **GROUP 2 - Educator**

Draft five questions. Include the following:

- Their tasks.
- The goals of their pedagogical planning tasks.
- Their role in transmitting the language and the culture of belonging to the children.

- **GROUP 3 - Parent**

Draft five questions. Include the following:

- How they view the educational childcare centre's (ECC's) role in the transition to school.
- What their needs are in terms of communicating with their educator about their child's development (language, pre-reading, pre-writing).
- How they view the ECC's role in transmitting cultural values.

STEP 4

4.1 With the group back together, present and answer each group's questions.



STEP 5

5.1 Explore the topic further by answering the following questions:

- What are the roles of the different professionals in an ECC in supporting socio-affective development in a multicultural setting?
- What challenges do educators face when integrating diversity in their pedagogical planning?
- What are the responsibilities of ECC educators in the children's learning of their mother tongue?

