

Module 2: Taking a Closer Look at Plan Your Week and Activities A-Z

Curriculum Structure and Flexibility

The overarching purpose of a curriculum is to offer



- A structured learning sequence to ensure all early learning _____ are addressed.
- Flexibility to plan learning experiences that are _____ to each child's unique needs, abilities, and interests.

Plan Your Week



The *Plan Your Week* books are structured around _____ Learning Cycles for 0-36 months as well as _____ Learning Cycles for 12-36 months.



Core Learning Cycles



For 0-6, 6-12, and 12-24 months the Core Learning Cycle is a total of _____ weeks long.

For 24-36 Months, there are _____ Core Learning Cycles: Core Cycle A and Core Cycle B. Both Core Cycles are four weeks long and are designed to be used consecutively, for a total of _____ weeks

Theme-based Learning Cycles



Themes:

I'm Me! I'm Special! _____ All Around Get Moving! The _____ and Me



It is **strongly recommended** that you complete the Core Learning Cycle several times before moving to the Theme-based Learning Cycles.

For 24-36 Months, the curriculum offers a natural pairing of theme Cycle A and B topics that you may choose to follow. Refer to the *Teacher's Guide* or the Overview in *Plan Your Week* for more information.

Weekly Overview Sections

Goals for the Week:



- Overarching learning areas addressed throughout the week.
- Not intended as goals children will accomplish but rather as _____ to work towards.

Daily Routines:

- Provides helpful tips for common routines to make this time meaningful and playful, including:



List included routines.

Spontaneous Play:

Includes helpful tips for supporting children as they freely move and explore their environment. Tips are focused on:



- Preparing the _____
- Supporting Language
- _____ and Responding



Planned Play:

Offers a selection of hands-on activity choices to support growth and development in each domain area, including:



- Cognitive
- Language & Communication
- Social & Emotional
- Physical Health & Motor

How many planned activities will you play with children throughout the week?



Songs, Rhymes, & Chants / Storytime / Art Exploration:

You will not plan to do all the activities listed in these sections, you will instead choose the activity you want to implement from each section. Art Exploration is included for ages 12-36 months only.

Ongoing Observation:

How might this section help you?



Family Engagement:

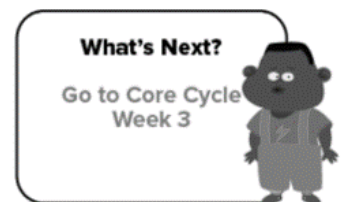


Provides a selection of family activities that _____ to what children are learning or experiencing with you in the classroom.

Helpful Features:

Outcomes and Indicators (HS ELOF & ITELG)

What's Next? Box tells you where to go next in the learning Cycle



Icons are included to help you quickly identify different types of information. If you ever need a reminder of what the icons mean, look in the overview section of the _____ books or in the Implementing the CIRCLE Infant and Toddler Curriculum section of the _____.



Activities A-Z

All activity names shown in pink font on the Weekly Overviews can be found in the *Activities A-Z* resources.



Activity Sections

Age Range Icons:

Activities are designed to target multiple age ranges appropriate.



Learning Areas:

Icons to help you identify the main _____ of the activity.



Activity Focus:

Contains the objective of the activity and a _____ statement.

QR Codes:

Many of the activities have a video demonstration of a teacher implementing the activity in their own classroom.

Setting / Materials / Keywords / Preparation:



Add notes!

Let's Play!:

- Differentiated by age group
- Step-by-step guidance on how to play the activity
- Suggestions on what you can say out loud to children in bold text



Supporting All Children:

Ideas on how to adapt an activity to support individual needs in the areas of _____, Dual Language Learners, Language and Communication, _____, Sensory, Social and Emotional, and/or Visual.

Teacher Tips:

Offers a variety of helpful information specifically related to the activity.

Outcomes:

Includes Head Start and Early Learning Guidelines



Look through the *Teacher's Guide* when you need help remembering everything you learned in this module!

Where Do I Get Help?

Visit: [Cliengage.org](https://cliengage.org)

Professional Development Resources

Access Free Online Training Modules at:

<https://clisolutionsgroup.org/circle-infant-and-toddler-curriculum/>

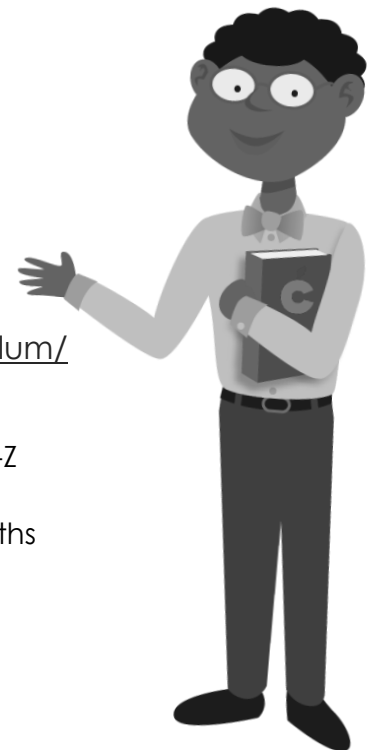
Module 1: Getting to Know the Curriculum Components

Module 2: Taking a Closer Look at Plan Your Week and Activities A-Z

Module 3: Planning with Core Learning Cycles: 0-36 Months

Module 4: Planning with Theme-based Learning Cycles: 12-36 Months

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We hope you  your CIRCLE Infant and Toddler Curriculum!

