



# Beyond Bubbles and Blocks:

## Tips for MA EI Home Visitors



### Did you know?

The cable TV series, *1, 2, 3...Grow!*, is ready for viewing on Boston Neighborhood Network TV! Filmed in 7 languages and highlighting 8 cultures, the shows were developed to help families understand the importance of early developmental screening and what to do if they have concerns. Each show includes a discussion between the host and physician, video clips of developmental milestones and a parent story that highlights barriers specific to that culture - Haitian, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Arabic, African-American, English. Materials translated into the various languages will be made available along with a contact phone number accessible for all. Please visit <https://shriver.umassmed.edu/community-resources/cultural-resources/1-2-3-Grow> for more information and link to view.

### Tips and Techniques...

DPH will be suspending the CEIS portfolio process as of September 30, 2018. All portfolios that have been received already or that are received moving forward prior to September 30 will be reviewed using the current process. All portfolio submissions and additional documentation must be postmarked on or before the due date for the materials. Applicants have the OPTION of submitting a portfolio under the current process OR waiting to apply for FULL Certification status when a new process is announced if they have been working in the Mass EI system for at least two years (or

hired before 9/30/16). Portfolio materials received past identified deadlines (either for portfolio due dates or in follow-up communications), will not be reviewed under the current process and those applicants will have to wait for the new process to apply for FULL Certification. Please note that all additionally requested documentation or materials must be postmarked by the DUE date in request letter or the portfolio review process will not be completed. Portfolios that are not reviewed will not be maintained at DPH.

### Evaluation/ Assessment tip



**If an item has multiple procedure options can we use more than one procedure to determine a score?**

The Examiner's Manual tells us "One of more procedures are specified for each item in the test. If more than one procedure is indicated in the "Standard Procedures" section of a test item, the method listed first is preferred whenever possible" (pg. 17) Using only one procedure will help examiner's cut down on potentially collecting conflicting information. Remember it is often better to directly document a behavior than rely on the observation, interpretation, and reporting skills of another person.

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