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DISRUPTING TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO INCLUSION THROUGH DESIGN THINKING

WHERE'S THE STUFF GONNA BE?

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FIRST

SOME BACKSTORY





FAMILY OUTCOMES AND GOALS

CHILD OUTCOMES AND GOALS

SERVICES

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FAMILY OUTCOMES AND GOALS

CHILD EXPERIENCE

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FAMILY EXPERIENCE

CHILD EXPERIENCE

Zappos \$

A service company that happens to sell shoes.

A service organization that happens to educate children.

COULD THE EXPERIENCE BE BETTER...

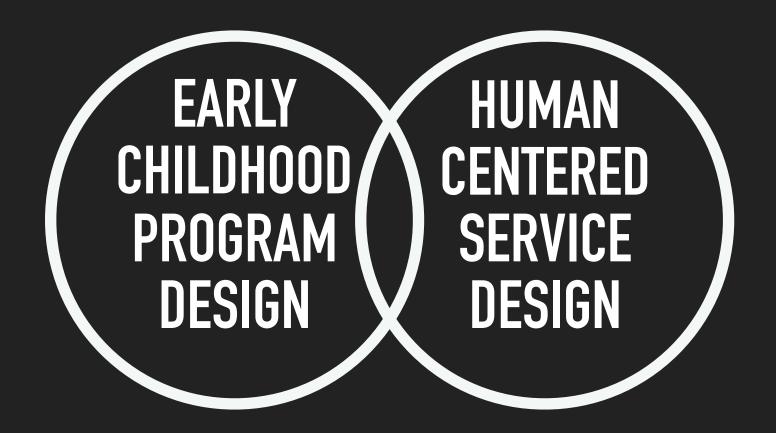
FOR KIDS?

FOR COACHES?



THAT'S WHAT WE SET TO FIND OUT





APPLIED TO EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

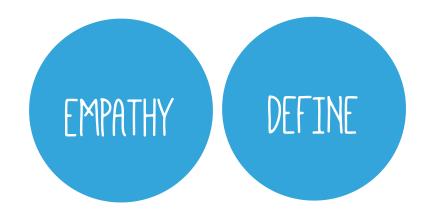
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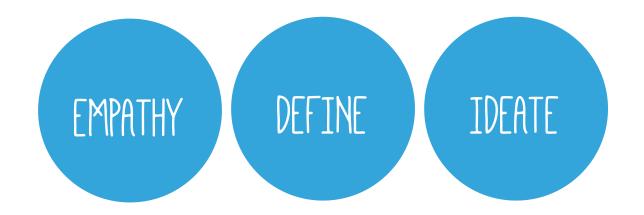
A DELIBERATE AND THOUGHTFUL SOLUTION-SEEKING APPROACH FOR ADDRESSING COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

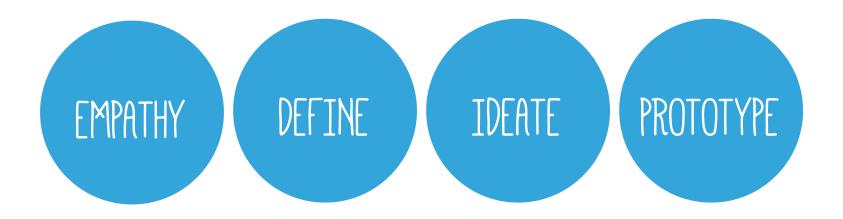
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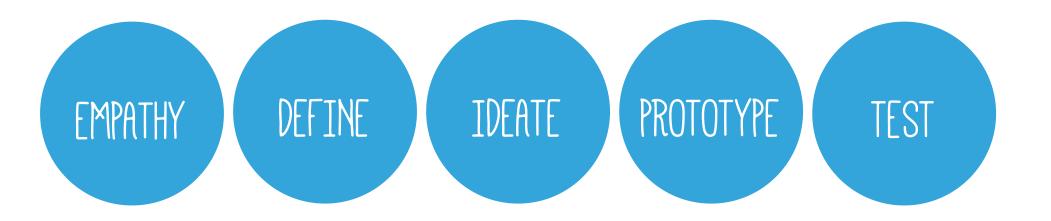
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WHY DESIGN THINKING?

Design thinking might be a good approach to early childhood service challenges (which are wicked problems)

PART 1

CHILDREN AS PARTNERS IN DESIGN

WHO WE ENGAGED AS TEAM MEMBERS

- Children
- Families
- Teachers
- Center director



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

- Empathy Profiles
- Character composites
- User camera studies
- Technologies



UNDERSTANDING ANOTHER

EMPATHY PROFILES



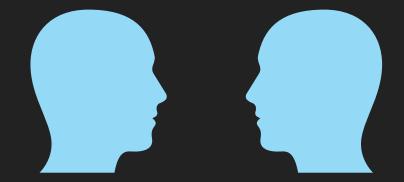
REFRAMING HOW WE LOOK AT YOUNG CHILDREN

- Age and education-stage
- Family situation
- Hobbies and interests
- Basic needs
- Media interests (books, magazines, movies, tv shows, music)
- Personal strengths and personal challenges

- A regular ritual
- A source of pleasurecomfort objects
- Wants beyond basic needs
- A habit he/she wants to kick
- Something under control
- Something out of control

EMPATHY

A contradiction



HOW DO THESE QUESTIONS DIFFER FROM WHAT WE USUALLY ASK?

CRICKET CLASSROOM

STUDENT FIRST NAME Child 1

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION
Age and Education-Stage	Infant- 6 months
Family Situation	Only child, lives with mother and father
Hobbies and Interests	Bouncing in mama-roo, enjoys listening to music, fingerpainting, watching the leaves on trees outside
Basic Needs	Bottle/breast feeding, baby food feedings, sleep, diaper changes
Media Interests (books, magazines, movies, tv shows, music)	Looking at board books, listening to children's music
Personal Strengths and Personal Challenges	Strengths- social with friends (smiling, engaging in eye contact); allenges- physical development slightly delayed

EVIDENCE TO LOOK FOR	THE EVIDENCE AND WHAT YOU BELIEVE IT MEANS		
A regular ritual	Playing with friends, napping, diaper changes, bottle feeding, playing with friends		
A source of pleasure-comfort objects	Swaddle blanket, cold teething rings		
Wants beyond basic needs	Interaction with teachers		
A habit he/she wants to kick (based on family viewpoint)	Banging head against the floor (suspected from teething and mouth soreness)		
Something under control	Good attitude, laid back		
Something out of control	Self soothing		
A contradiction	Enjoys rides in the infant buggy, but does not like rides in the carseat in the car		



MAKING INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS INTO A FICTIONAL REAL CHARACTER

CHARACTER COMPOSITES



GERRY

AGE AND EDUCATION STAGE: 5 years old, transitional kindergarten – could have attended regular kindergarten.

FAMILY SITUATION: adopted; lives with 2 moms, and his biological younger brother, 2 dogs.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS: Just started piano lessons and really enjoys it.

KEY VALUES: Being liked by others, being valued and cared for.

BOOKS: Loves pretty much any book, loves to be read too! Creepy Carrots is a favorite! Loves books on CD or listening to stories on headphones.





GERRY

MUSIC: The GoNoodles website.

PERSONAL STRENGTHS: Social, Enjoys learning, affectionate, good sense of humor.

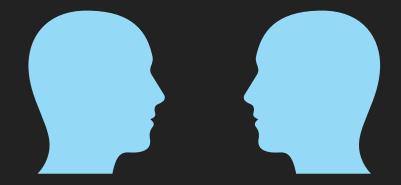
PERSONAL CHALLENGES: Extremely Impulsive, Has a hard time sitting still, needs space, can be quick to anger.

SOURCES OF PLEASURE: Loves playing with water! Gerry is an extreme sensory seeker. He loves anything that is messy. If he doesn't have a cognitive piece to go with the messy play it can rev his engine up quickly!

HABIT HE WANTS TO KICK: Impulsiveness. His impulsiveness causes friends to not want to play with him. Gerry has such a need to be accepted that he gets disappointed when others voice a desire to not play with him.



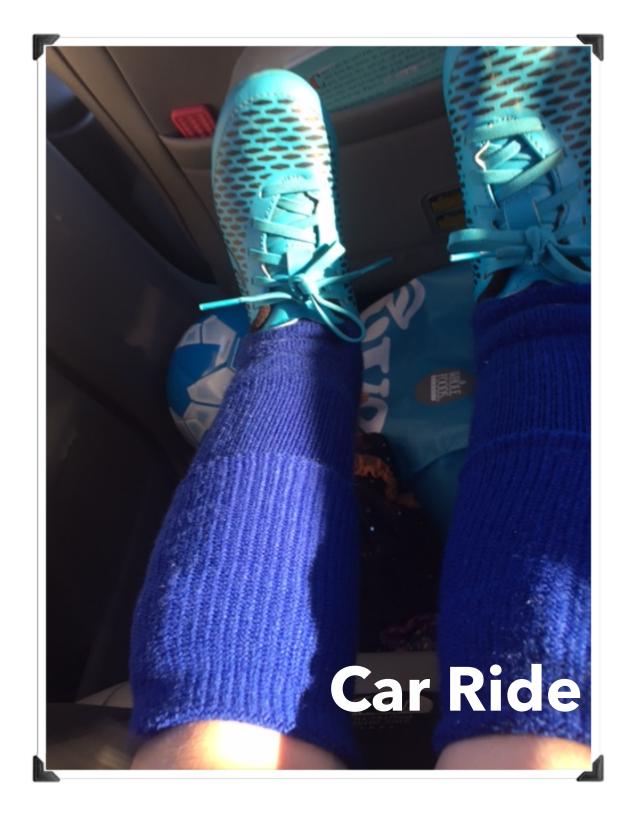




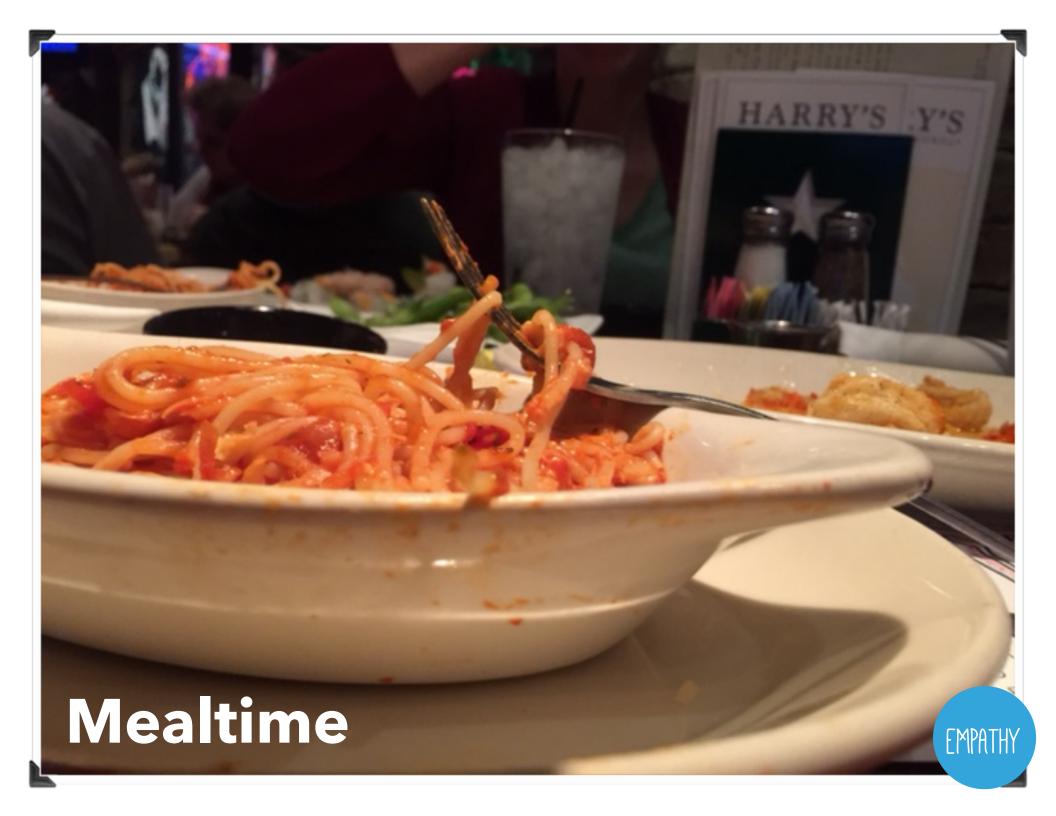
WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM CHARACTER COMPOSITES?

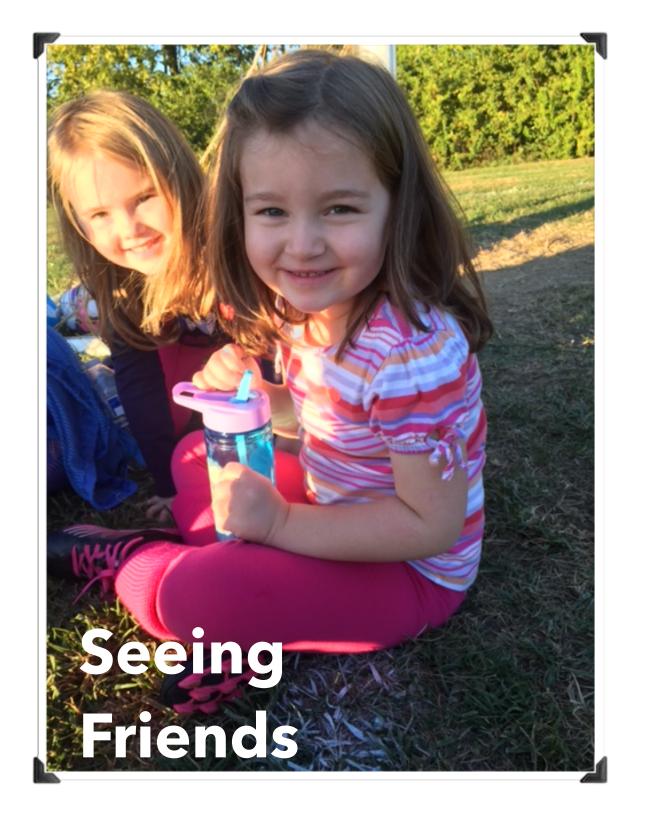
UNDERSTANDING A CHILD'S EXPERIENCE BY SEEING IT THROUGH THEIR EYES

USER CAMERA STUDIES





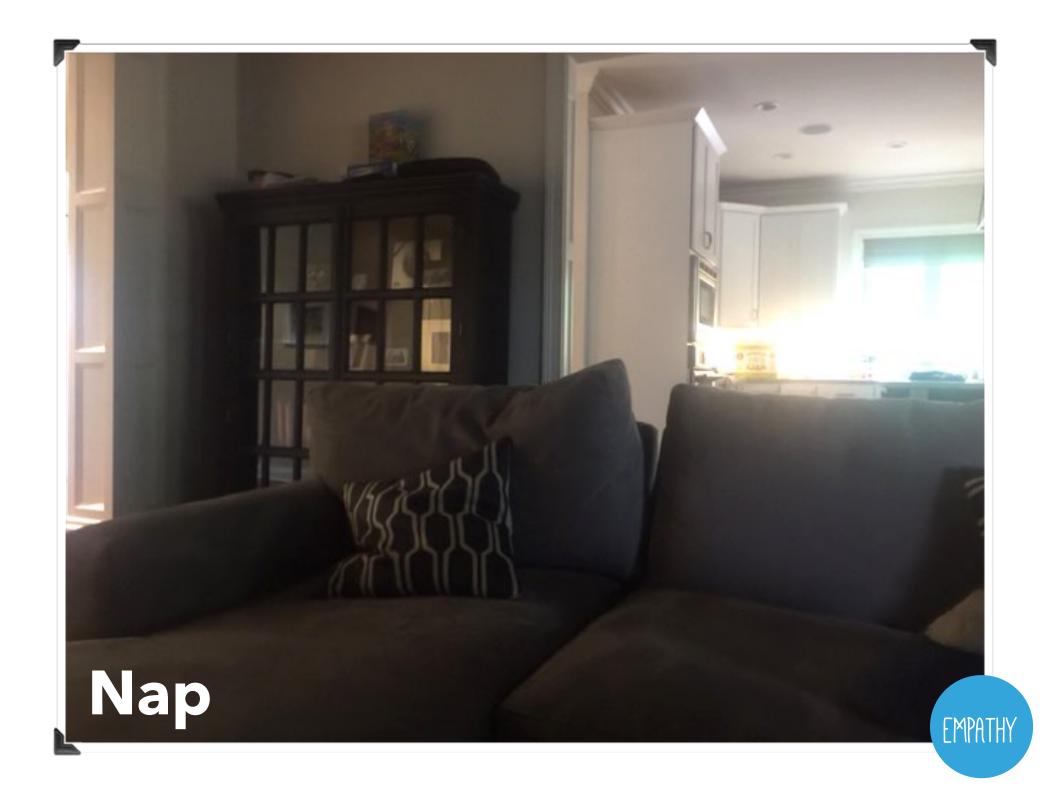


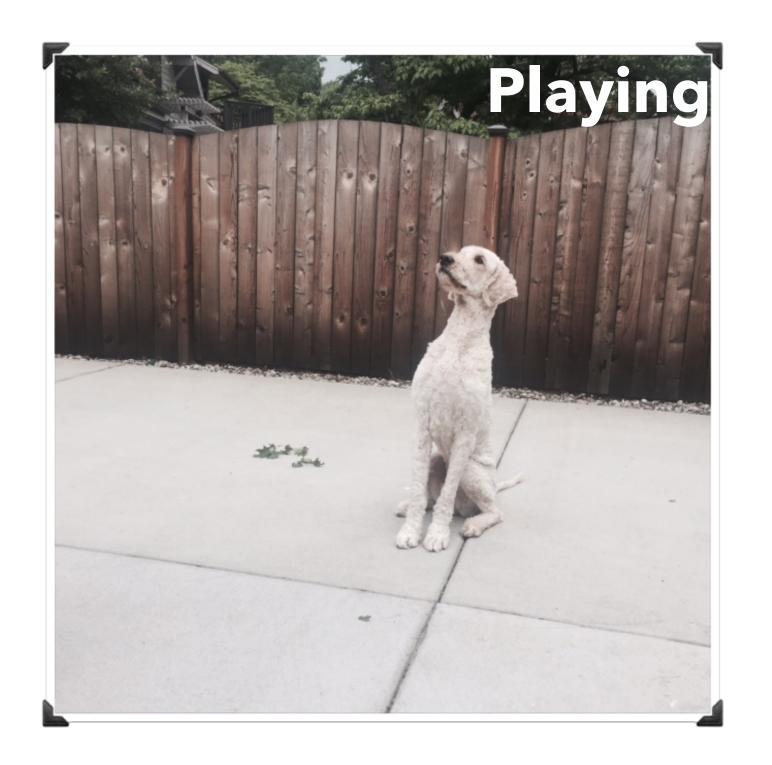




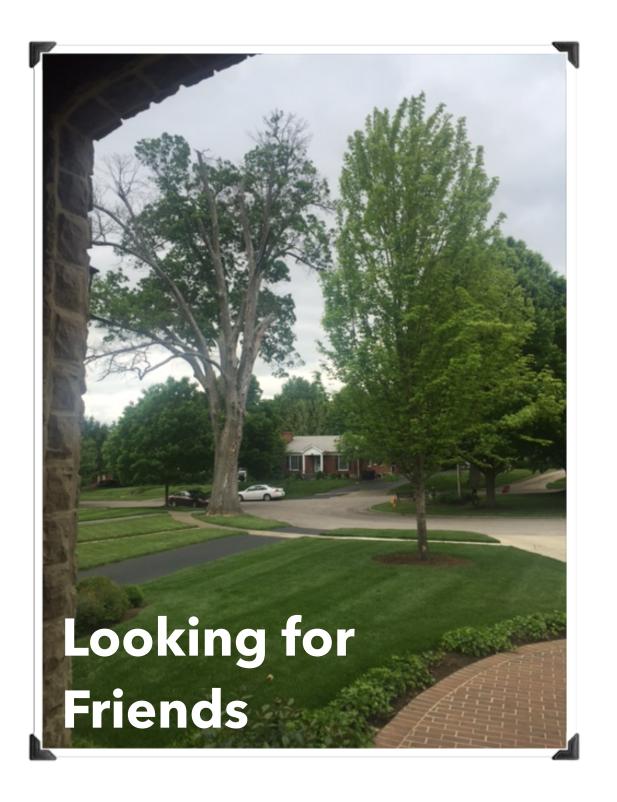




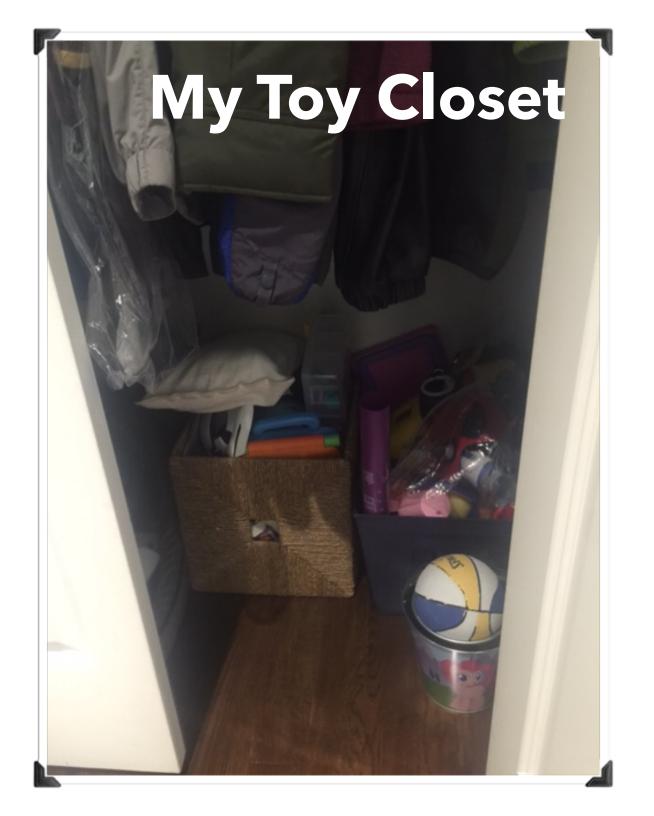




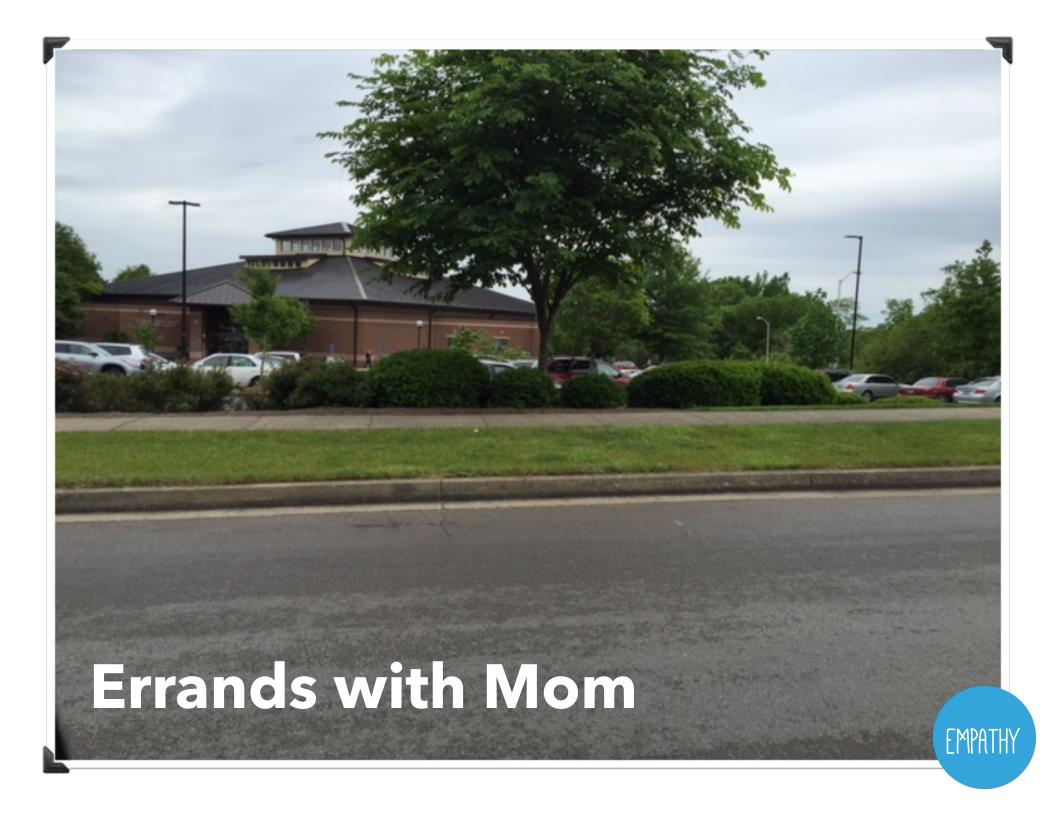


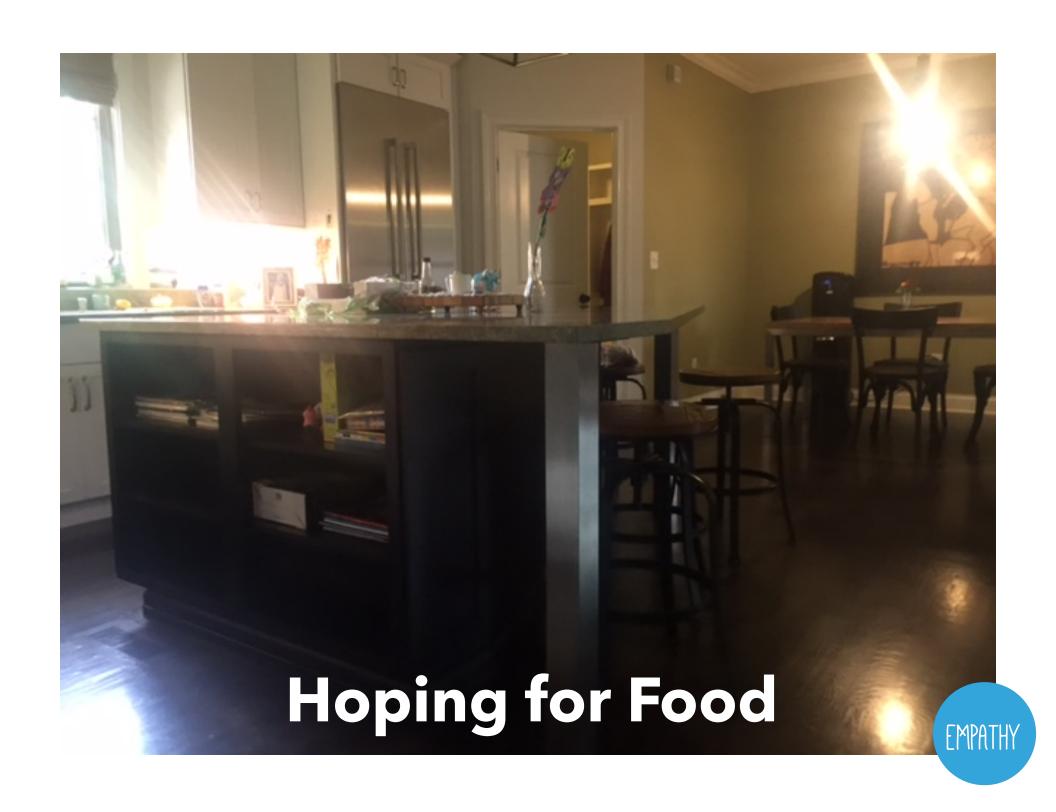


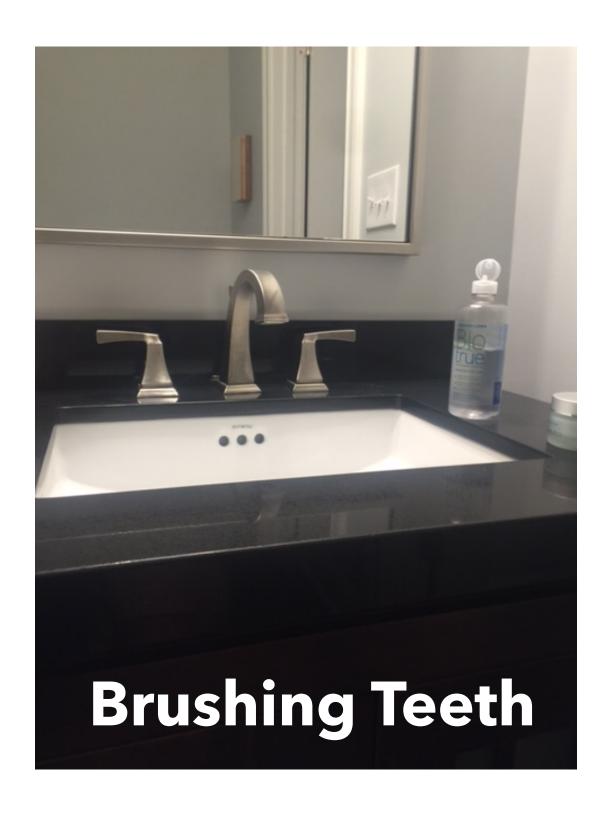














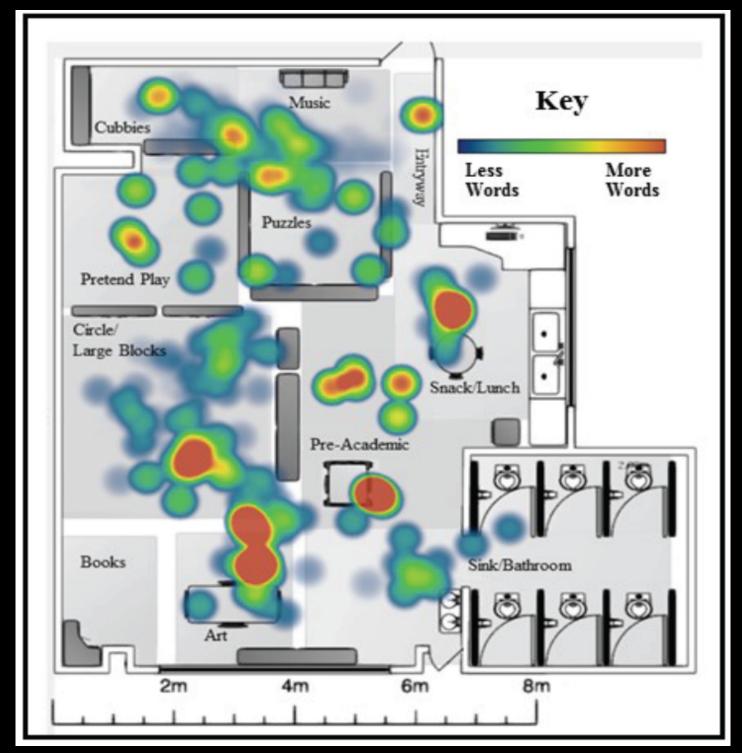


WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM CAMERA STUDIES?

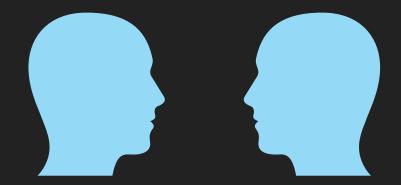
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WHAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM MAPPING?



PART 2

COACHES AS PARTNERS IN DESIGN



POPULATION

Kentucky

2016

4.4 million

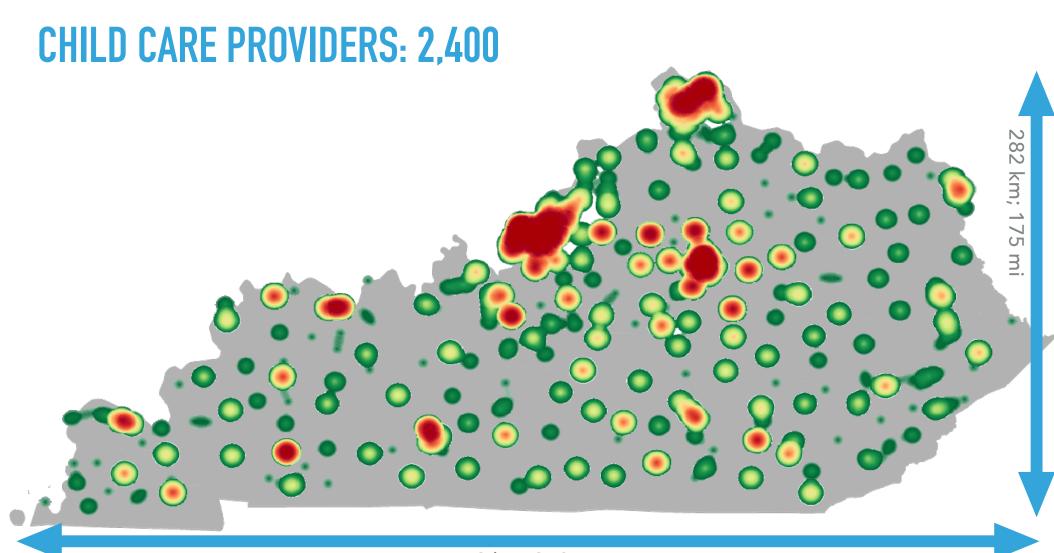
New South Wales

2017

7.7 million

U.S. Census Bureau

Population Australia



563 km; 350 mi

COACHES: 40 QUALITY: 24 HEATH AND SAFETY: 16 282 km; 175 mi

563 km; 350 mi

COACHES SUPPORT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IN IMPROVING QUALITY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



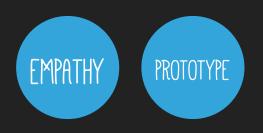
WHO WE ENGAGED AS TEAM MEMBERS

- Coaches
- Providers
- Coaches' supervisors
- Program administrators
- State agency staff



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

- Empathetic interviews
- Defining a point of view
- Prototyping



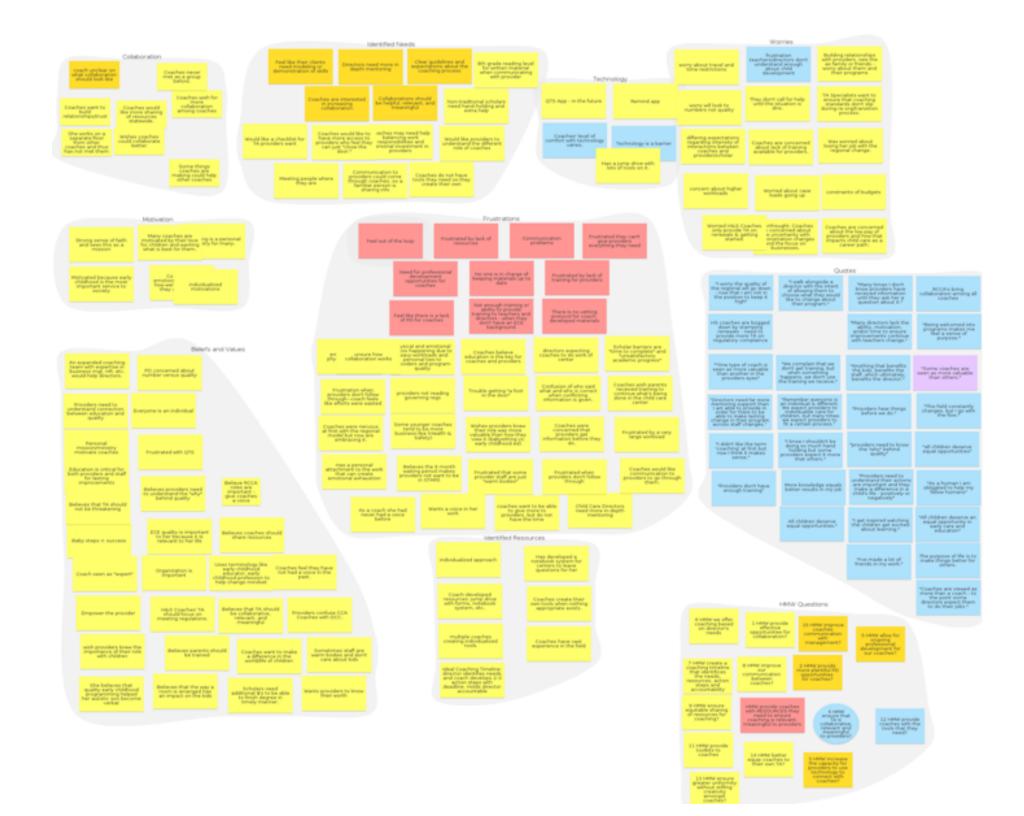
UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF ANOTHER

EMPATHETIC INTERVIEWS

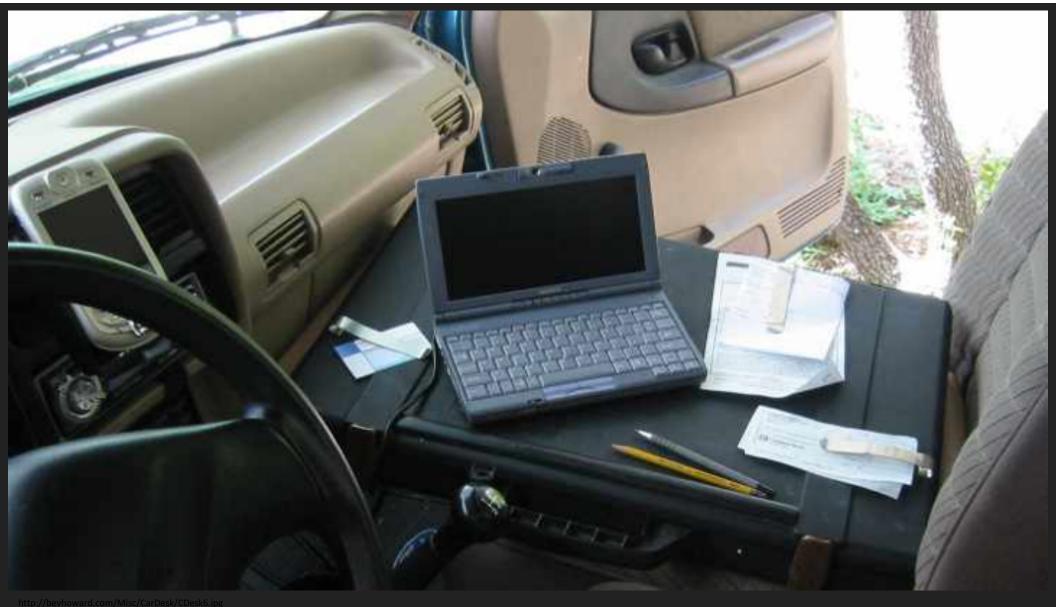


28 COACHES INTERVIEWED BY 8 REGIONAL COORDINATORS

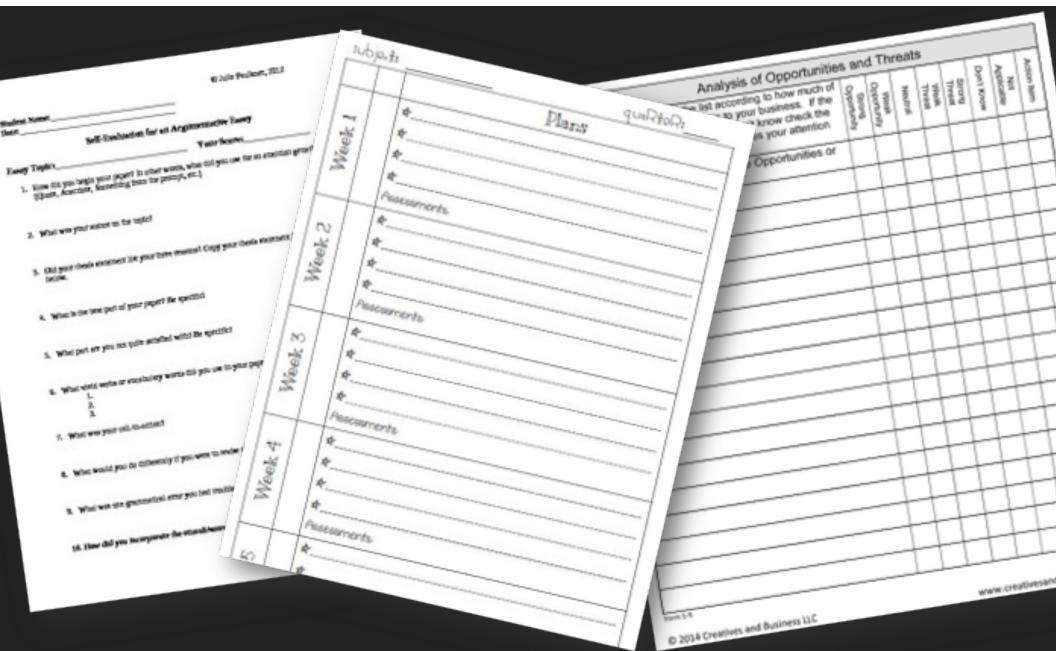
120 CHARACTERISTICS 29 ILLUSTRATIVE QUOTES







COACHES WORK FROM THEIR CARS



COACHES ARE INVENTIVE

FORMING A CHALLENGE TO BE SOLVED THROUGH THEIR EYES

DEFINE



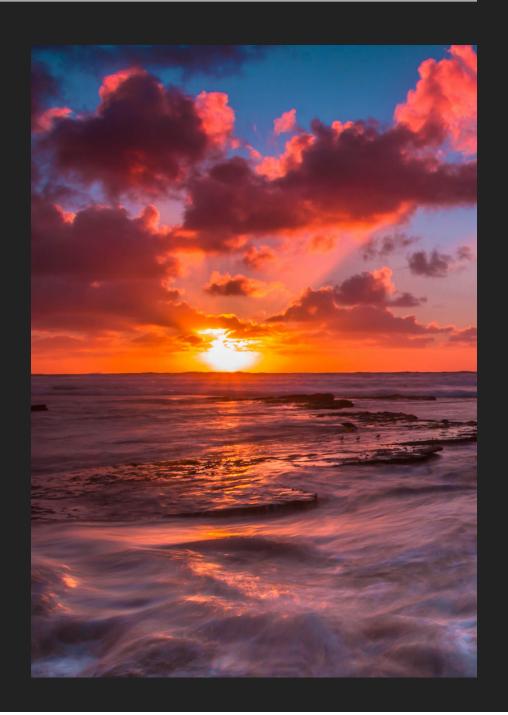
FRUSTRATIONS

- lack of training resources
- lack of PD for coaches
- no one is in charge of keeping things up to date
- no vetting protocol for quality and consistency



DESIRES

- increased communication across coaching types
- have access to same info
- increase communication among coaches
- consistency of tools and resources used across providers



HOW MIGHT WE PROVIDE COACHES WITH THE TOOLS THEY NEED?

THE COACHES' TOOLKIT



A KIT OF VETTED. FINGERTIP-ACCESSIBLE PAPER AND ONLINE TOOLS. DEVELOPED BY AND FOR COACHES FOR USE WITH PROVIDERS.



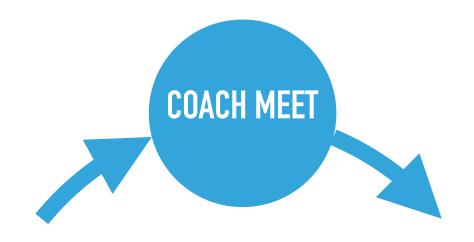
NEED A REFRESHER ON HOW TO SUPPORT PROVIDERS IN UNDERSTANDING IFSPs?



Handout

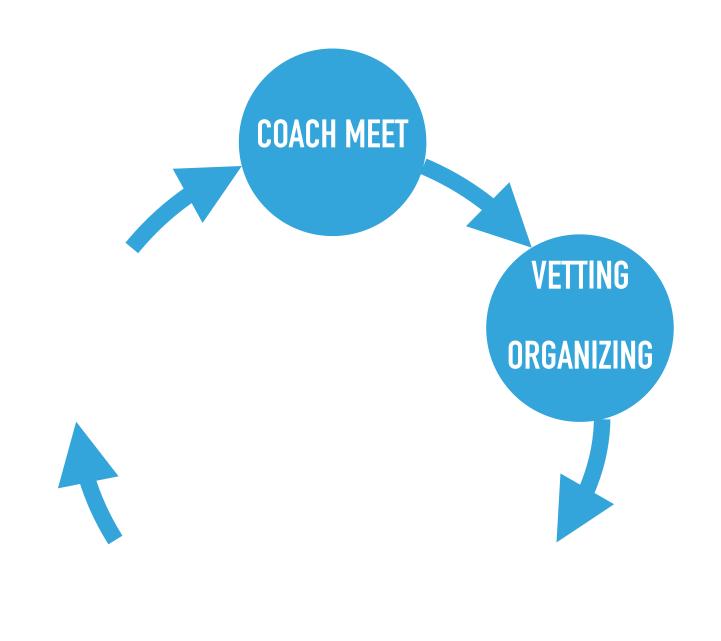
Video



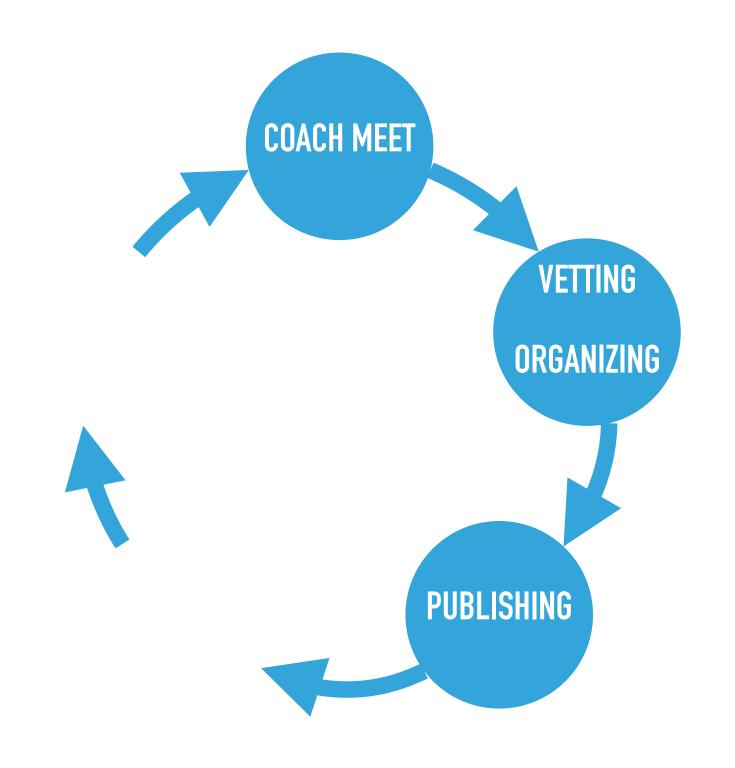


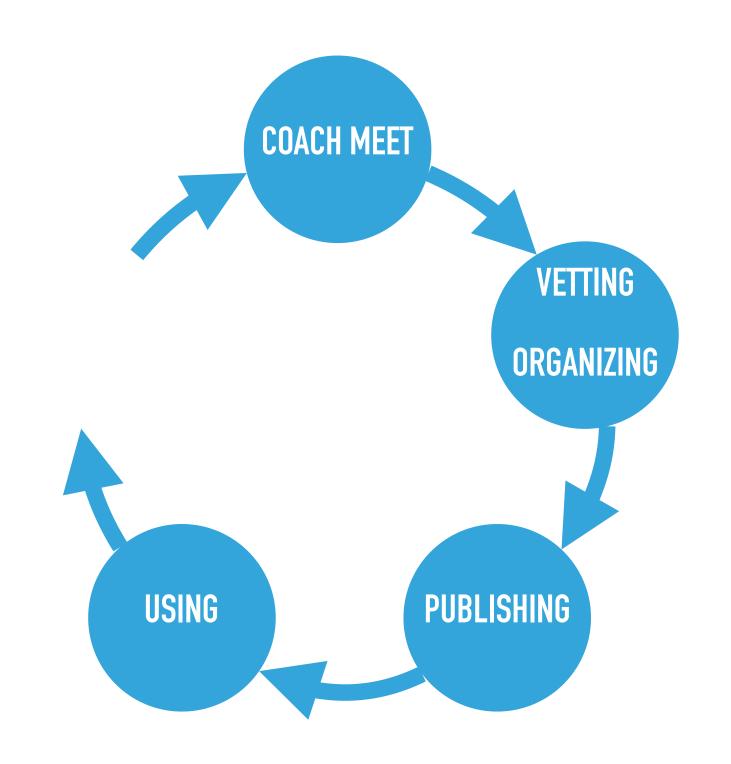


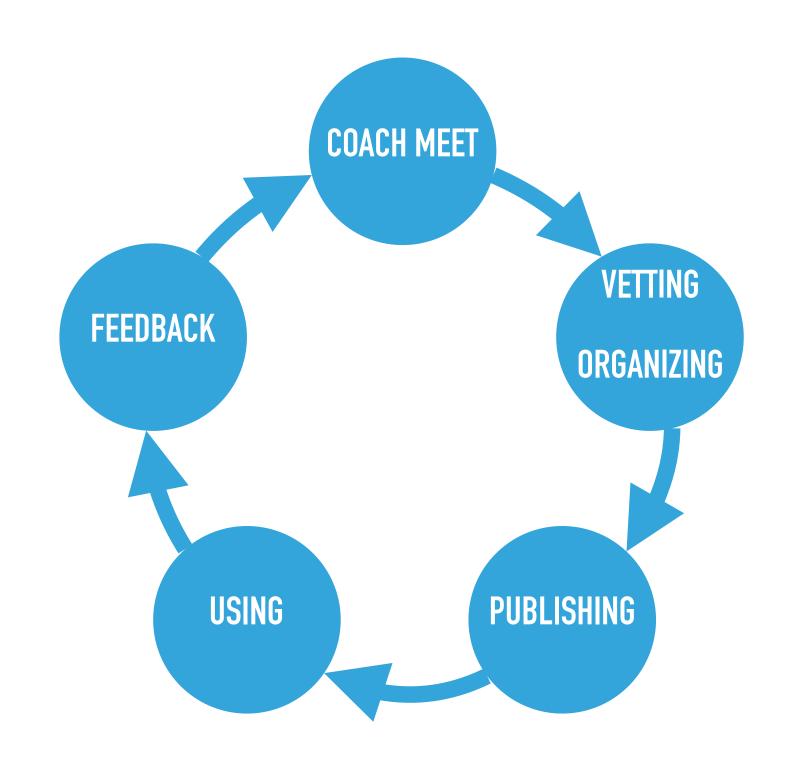






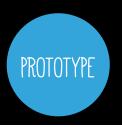






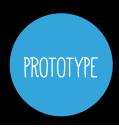
WHAT WE EXPECTED TO LEARN FROM PROTOTYPING

- what coaches have to contribute
- how coaches develop and share resources
- what they may need and what they don't
- what kinds of tools help providers most



OUR INITIAL PROTOTYPING PLAN

- develop concept on a storyboard
- distribute to regional administrators
- obtain feedback from coaches
- refine concept
- develop implementation plan



WE SCRAPPED THAT IDEA

AND JUST DID IT













Welcome to CoachToolkit!



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News



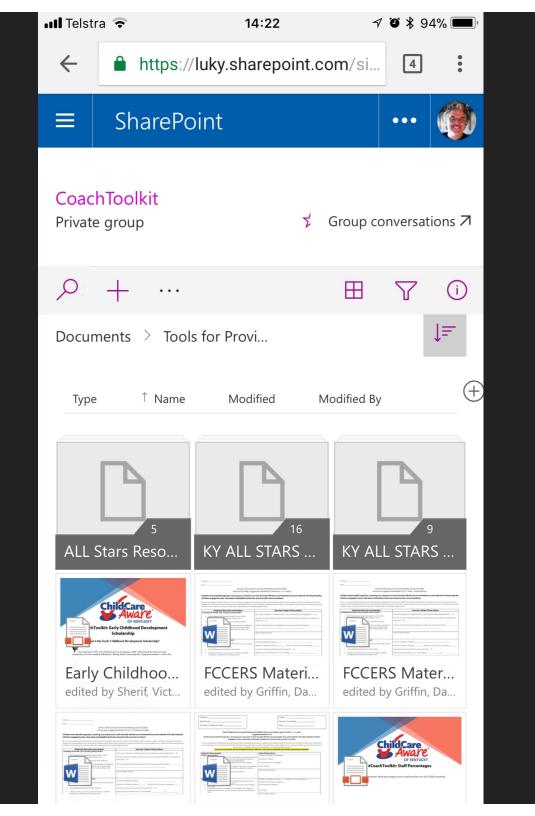
New Tool Added

'Percentages Table' is added to the Tools for Providers. The tool can assist in deciding which percentages of provider's staff meet ALL STARS standards. Thank you, Sally, for expanding the...



Sherif, Victoria March 24







THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SHOWING ME HOW TO USE THE COACH TOOLKIT ON MY LAPTOP! I CAN'T EXPRESS HOW HAPPY I WAS WHEN I DOWNLOADED THE APP LAST WEEK AND SAW THE FORMS FROM MY ALL STARS BINDER. NOW I CAN USE MY IPHONE FOR QUICK REFERENCE INSTEAD OF LUGGING AROUND MY BINDER!!!

Lesly F., Early Care and Education Coach

A NOTE ON SOME UNEXPECTED FINDINGS ABOUT COACH MEET



EMPOWERED

How did Coach Meet make you feel?

ENLIGHTENED

How did Coach Meet make you feel?

EAGER TO TRY NEW THINGS

How did Coach Meet make you feel?

THAT I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK

How did Coach Meet make you feel?

WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM THESE PROJECTS?

WHY DESIGN THINKING

AS AN APPROACH IN

EARLY CARE & INTERVENTION?

WHY DESIGN THINKING?

IT'S A GOOD APPROACH TO INCLUSION'S CHALLENGES

(ACTUALLY PROBLEM FINDING?)

NEEDFINDING

"STUDYING PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY THEIR UNMET NEEDS."

Patnaik & Becker, 1999, p. 38

THIS IS, AFTER ALL, A WICKED PROBLEM

HOW DOES INCLUSION STACK UP AS A WICKED PROBLEM?

...trying out a solution helps you better understand the problem.

...it has solutions that are neither right nor wrong.

...it's non-linear

...the challenges and solutions interconnect.

...the whole thing is just really complex.

"SOME PROBLEMS ARE SO COMPLEX THAT YOU HAVE TO BE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND WELL INFORMED JUST TO BE UNDECIDED ABOUT THEM."

Laurence J. Peter

HOW MIGHT YOU USE DESIGN THINKING?

LET'S PRACTICE IT SO YOU CAN DECIDE.



THANK YOU.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE OF?

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