

ECE 410: Discipline of Young Children
Misbehaving Children Interview
Continuous Assessment (20 points)
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Overview. The purpose of this assignment is to understand the perspective of misbehaving children to try to identify the factors that may be influencing the child's misbehavior and plan strategies for intervention. You will interview two children who are regularly misbehaving to understand their background, current situation, and future dreams and goals.

Preparation. Ask a teacher(s) to identify two children who are frequently misbehaving in Primary 4, 5, or 6. Find out from the teacher what types of misbehavior each child most frequently engages in.

Arrange time to be with each child *separately* and in a quiet place where you will not be disturbed. You will need at least 10 to 20 minutes for each child. Start the interview by making the child comfortable with you, perhaps by playing a game with them or telling them a story.

During the Interview. Have a conversation with the child to get to know him/her. There are no set interview questions. Instead, talk to them about their past, present, and future.

- *Past.* What experiences, positive or negative, have shaped the child into who they are today?
- *Present.* What is the child's current living situation? What stresses and/or supports does the child currently face today? What does the child say about his/her misbehavior in school?
- *Future.* What are the child's goals and dreams for the future?

After the Interview. Analyse your interview with the child by answering the following questions. Do this separately for each child.

- What did you learn about the child? (Be sure to mention here the child's misbehavior.)
- What factors, past or present, do you think is influencing the child to misbehave?
- Based on what you learned about the child, what strategies would you suggest to the child's caregivers and/or teacher for helping the child to behave better in the future?

After analyzing each child separately, write a conclusion to the assignment. What did you learn about disciplining young children based on the interviews?

Evaluation

You will be evaluated on the following:

- What was learnt about each child (2 points per child, 4 points total)
- Factors influencing the child to misbehave (3 points per child, 6 points total)
- Strategies for promoting positive behavior (3 points per child, 6 points total)
- Conclusion (4 points)