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Project: Learning Genie

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Technology
Goals

Professional development goals

- According to the SCCOE goals, improving organizational effectiveness and efficiency, and premium employer are part of the program. This means that all employees must have the training needed to do their jobs effectively.

Project Goal

- My goal is to help teachers and ATs to be efficient and effective on the use of a new tool called Learning Genie.
Accomplishments

• Learning Genie was introduced this school year. It is complicated and time consuming. Teachers and Associate teachers are to use this tool for assessment and observation, but we have not received enough hands on training to effectively do our job. To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Teachers and Associate teachers job to meet the Children, Families, and the Head Start Standards, I created a survey to help me understand what exactly is the issue and how it could be solved.

• These objectives will also include trainings to help Teachers and Associate teachers get a better hands on with the use of all the Learning Genie features.
Successes

• Success will be measured by employee’s confidence in the use of Learning Genie without incorrect data collection. Employees will have stress free work environment and would not have to worry during the weekend about work waiting for them but to have a family time.

• To achieve the above, the needs of the teachers and associate teachers has to be met. The results from the survey really stresses on time management and more hands on training in getting to no more about the tool.
Responses

Time to sit down and focus on what I am inputting into learning genie

• Inputting all necessary information.

It all takes time! There are a lot of measures and double session has 34 to do!

On average it takes a lot of time to complete them (especially if you have to add notes)
Continuation of Responses

- Internet Connection

- Too many to mention! For me, big challenge is that I have a repstat I've strain injury and cannot type much without pain

- Voice component doesn't work that well, lots of typos. But also, I feel bad when I'm having to focus on the iPad to get notes added to picture or video.

The children want my attention and I have to put them off for an electronic device. I don't want them to feel that they are second priority to electronics!

- It's is very time consuming. I am constantly logging in at home to work on it

- I like the tool and I feel it is helpful. However it has been a challenge to complete on time and just the volume of work.

- 45 measures x 34 children = that's 1530 notes (if we're just doing 1 per child). If we do 2 notes per child that is 3060.

- Multiply that by 3 rounds that's 9,180 notes.
Learning Outcomes

Being in the CFL program has empowered me not to give up easily but to look for ways to find solutions to problems. I have learned that it is easier said than done.

Results from the survey clearly shows that learning genie is beneficial but time consuming, and more training would help teachers and associate teachers to use the tool effectively.
"I believe that if you show people the problems and you show them the solutions they will be moved to act."

Bill Gates
Thank You

- Oscar Uribe
- Micheal Vallez
- Demerris Brooks
- Cuc Tran
- Mak Kegelmeyer
- My Family