Preschool Planning Tool
http://www.seedsofpartnership.org/planningTool.html

Collective thoughts and comments from teachers on using this tool.

Springboard for Ideas
Teachers have used the tool as a springboard for ideas. They've read through various Teaching Strategies in a strand or sub-strand, which "triggered" other ideas and activities. Teachers used the examples as a *starting point* and made it their own by building upon it and extending activities. The tool serves as a helpful reminder of some "great ideas" they may have forgotten about.

Strengthening Skills
Teachers have used the tool to *strengthen skills* of assistant teachers by having them plan an activity. They have encouraged assistant teachers to use the selected planning table and choose strategies they would like to implement in small groups.

Saving Time & Being on the Same Page
Staff do not always have time to reiterate to team members or substitute staff what activity they are doing next or how/why it relates to the lesson. They have been able to point to strategies/goals in the planning table and the staff can read it over for themselves. Teaching staff have found it helpful in *enhancing their teaming efforts*.

Trying Something New
A teacher shared a *successful student outcome* regarding a child who was struggling with their emotions. The teacher found the CSEFEL Scripted Stories idea in the Social/Emotional Domain. She created a personal scripted story for the child on identifying and then naming their emotions. The child "has come a long way" in letting staff and other children know how they are feeling before inappropriate behaviors break out.

Flexible Planning Table
Teachers really love the planning table and being able to *choose one or more options* in side-by-side columns. For example, they could choose to see only the Teaching Strategies or choose to include the Teaching Strategies, Goals Children Might Be Working On, Additional Assistive Technology Supports, and Notes in order to consider at and compare.

Ability to Download and Print
Staff like to download the PDF they've created for *quick/easy access* on their computer desktop. Computer or printer access is not always available in all classrooms, some programs have printed the planning tables for each Domain and have it available in a binder near their planning materials and lesson plans.

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