

CBAT#05-002 Child Manager Observation Form

INTRODUCTION

There are six [06] major areas of data collection in regard to child managers. These include:

1. Cognitive Errors
2. Interaction
3. Communication Style
4. Management Style
5. Monitoring Style
6. Attitudes Toward Discipline

A form is available for each of these areas. It is quite difficult to observe and record all these areas at once. It is also problematic to assume that the observer will observe six different times. Therefore, some critical decision making will need to occur to identify specific which areas are of priority at the start, which rise to priority as the observation occurs, which can be delegated to other observers, and how to collate the data and summarize it. These are not really decisions that can be taken out of context. However, as a general rule, the Cognitive Errors of the Child Manager may become apparent during the CAST meetings and the Initial Inquiry process. The observer may simply be sensitive to attempting to confirm or reject the material so collected. The same expectation may be made regarding the Child Manager's Attitude Toward Discipline.

The other four areas, however, are unlikely to be observable in these other meetings and may require specific reporting. The observer may therefore end up with two sets of data: specific and inferred. The specific data will be recorded on the attached forms and the inferred will be collected informally. Both sets of data need to be specifically identified in the report and utilized in the creation of an hypothesis regarding the elements that have contributed to the disruption in the community.