

Eco Map

Week 4 : I need to feel like I am connected

Eco - Mapping

- An eco-map is a visual representation of the interconnections and relationships in the maker's life. It is a strengths based, person centered tool which can reveal a lot of information in a short period of time.
- Eco-maps are similar to mind maps, however the nature of the connections between the items represented by an eco-map are important in a way that is not as emphasized when it comes to a mind map.
- Eco mapping is a tool that does not require literacy skills or conversation. It is a creative representation that can be undertaken by a child or an adult.
- Eco-mapping does not require prescribed equipment. Eco-maps can be made with a piece of paper and pencil, or through the use of craft materials, or simply by the arrangement of everyday items on the ground.
- Eco-maps have a tradition in social work as an assessment tool employed to get to know families better.



Gathering Materials

The following slides demonstrate two eco-maps made by children in line with the lesson plans proposed for week 5 of the Kimberley SPACE program for middle and upper primary students.



Lesson 2 example

9 year old girl eco-map
example



Lesson 3 example

Note the representations of connections between the child and elements in her life.



Lesson 4 example

Note the messages written on the sticky notes the child feels like the connected items in her life are sharing with her.



Use of torch to shed light onto an area of the child's life that she feels most curious about exploring further- her friendships.



Lesson 2 example

8 year old boy



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