

## DEFINITIONS

### **A “DOT” (DEVELOPMENTAL OBSERVATION TOPIC)...**

- An aspect of children’s development that is selected as an organizer for parents’ observations, based on parents’ concerns and interests and on children’s developmental agendas, as stated from the child’s point of view.

### **A “DOT PLAN” (DEVELOPMENTAL OBSERVATION TOPIC PLAN)...**

- A framework for planning environments and activities that support parents’ observations and understanding of their children’s abilities, inclinations, needs, and feelings, and of the influence of physical and social environments on how children express their development.