HANDOUT   SYSTEMS THINKING

Systems Thinking in Early Childhood: *Shifting Perspectives*

MY LADDER OF INFERENCE

Think about a recent interaction at work with a child, family member, or colleague. Write a brief description of the situation:

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Use the ladder of inference to answer these questions:

EXPERIENCE

What was the observable data in this situation? What happened? (Note: Your answer to this question may be different from the description you wrote above.)

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NOTICE

What did I pay attention to?

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BELIEVE

What assumptions did I make at the time? What mental models came to mind for me?
What other perspectives or mental models might exist?

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ACT

Would I respond differently if I had a different mental model? If so, how?

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