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Quality of Early Childhood Education Environments: Discussion on the Concept of Quality and Future Perspectives

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Abstract This chapter focuses on the quality of early childhood education and care services. The concept of quality, its basic features, and its operationalization are discussed in detail. The chapter also deals with the various critiques regarding the concept of quality. It offers

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