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3	✓ ✓ ✓			<p>Reliability of information</p> <p>Is the author of the information identified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parminder Parmar, Sara Harkness and Charles M. Super <p>Does the author of the information have the qualifications or experience to write on this topic?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Parmar received her master’s degree in child development from Punjab Agricultural University (India) and her Ph.D. in Human Development from the University of Connecticut. She has taught Human Development at three different universities for last 33 years, including at Penn State Worthington Scranton, where she was recently recognized for 10 years of service. Sara Harkness, PhD, MPH. Director Center for the Study of Culture, Health and Human Development Charles M Super, PhD. Co-director Center for the Study of Culture, Health and Human Development <p>Does the information come from an ‘authoritative source’?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Journal of Behavioral Development which is a peer-reviewed journal <p>Who published the source?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Journal of Behavioral Development is published by SAGE journals.
5	✓		✓	<p>Accuracy of information</p> <p>How is the information presented? & If the information is presented as fact, can it be checked?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information presented in the article is appropriately referenced. The information is garnered from other research and not the personal opinions of the authors. <p>Is the information biased?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A thorough methods section is presented which minimizes the risk of bias.
				<p>Timeliness of information (how recent is the information)</p> <p>When was the information published?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This article is just over a decade old, being published in 2004.