### Steps to SKILL ASSESSMENTS:

- Breakdown the skill to be taught and make a list of its “critical elements.”
- Create meaningful, age-appropriate cues. Novel cues can aide retention.
- When teaching a skill, display a poster with a list of “critical elements” for that skill. Refer to the checklist as you teach each skill.
- Create a checklist of essential elements for students to assess individually, in pairs, small groups, or for teacher use.