


ASK ABOUT THE CHILD CARE RATING

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES ARE RATED AGAINST
7 QUALITY AREAS. MOST SERVICES WILL RECEIVE
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OVERALL RATINGS



The illustration shows a child care center building with a blue facade and a large window. A striped awning in orange, yellow, and green covers the entrance. To the left of the building is a small green plant. To the right, a family consisting of a man, a woman, and two children (a girl and a boy) are standing on a path. The path is also covered by a striped awning in orange, yellow, and green. Below the awning, five signs are hanging, each representing a different rating level.

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED	RATED WORKING TOWARDS NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD	RATED MEETING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD	RATED EXCEEDING NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD	Rated EXCELLENT by ACECQA
Service does not meet 1 of the 7 quality areas or a section of the legislation and there is a significant risk to the safety, health and wellbeing of children. The regulatory authority will take immediate action.	Service provides a safe education and care program, but there are 1 or more quality areas identified for improvement	Service provides quality education and care in all 7 quality areas	Service goes above and beyond the requirements in at least 4 of the 7 quality areas	Service promotes exceptional education and care. Services rated Exceeding NQS in all 7 quality areas may choose to apply for this rating. Rating awarded by ACECQA.

The 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard

- 1 Educational program and practice | 2 Children's health and safety | 3 Physical environment
4 Staffing arrangements | 5 Relationships with children
6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities | 7 Governance and leadership

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