



Congratulations!!

Your child is enrolled, or you may be considering enrolling your child, in a learning and development program whose level of quality exceeds Ohio's child care licensing standards.

High quality learning and development program settings are important because early experiences last a lifetime. Your child has 1,892 days from the day they are born until they enter kindergarten. What happens on this journey lays the foundation for success in school and life.

A Step Up To Quality **One-Star** rated program means that your child is in a program where:

- **The administrator, lead teachers and assistant teachers complete 20 hours of specialized training every two years.**
The administrator and teaching staff are committed to expanding their knowledge and skills to better support your child's development and learning.
- **Teachers are familiar with Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards.**
Your child's program is aware that there are standards that explain child development and this information assists teachers in supporting your child's growth and learning.
- **The program focuses on building relationships with families.**
The program builds relationships with families and makes information available about community services and resources that support all family structures.
- **The program is committed to continuous improvement.**
Your child's program focuses on the continuous improvement process, and looks for ways to make their good program even better. By conducting self-assessments, the program is working to identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

For more information on your program or other star rated programs visit
www.odjfs.state.oh.us/cdc/query.asp

To stay current with information regarding learning and development programs in your area and statewide, visit www.earlychildhoodohio.org

