



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 **Three-Star** rated program means that your child is in a program where:

- **The administrator and teachers have higher education qualifications.**
The administrator and 50% of lead teachers have an associate's degree or equivalent. These qualifications benefit your child's development and learning.
- **The administrator and 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.
- **Each year the lead teacher uses results from a classroom self-assessment to develop a plan to improve their classroom.**
The program evaluates the classrooms and teacher/child interactions to make sure the environment supports children where they are in their development. Programs can then make the changes to better support your child's growth and learning.
- **The program builds relationships with families.**
Teachers and families work together to create goals for your child and share information about your child's progress. The program offers at least one event to involve families in their child's learning and development.

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

