



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 **Two-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 develop activity plans that include all areas of development.**
Teachers use the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards when planning your child's day. Your child's program uses research-based information to create an environment where your child can learn and grow.
- **Staff participate in an annual classroom self-assessment process to identify the quality of their classroom environment.**
Teachers evaluate the quality of their classrooms which provides information to better support your child's growth and development.
- **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 <http://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/>

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