



Congratulations!



Your child is enrolled in a child care center that is participating in the STARS for KIDS NOW program. Your child's center has received a rating of **THREE STARS**.

What is STARS for KIDS NOW?

STARS for KIDS NOW is Kentucky's voluntary quality rating system for licensed type I, type II and certified family child care homes. Ratings are from one to four STARS. A center's participation in STARS for KIDS NOW indicates that the program's staff wish to measure quality indicators above those standards required by licensing regulations.

STARS for KIDS Now is part of Kentucky's Early Childhood Initiative, KIDS NOW.

For more information about STARS for KIDS NOW:

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What does a three-STAR rating mean for your child?

Three-STAR centers and family child care homes have met the requirements for Levels 1 and 2 as well as these requirements.

- The facility conducts one additional family involvement activity for a total of three.
- The facility has lowered all staff-to-child ratios in relation to licensing regulation requirements.
- The facility has completed all applicable Environmental Rating Scales (ERS) and has received an average score of 4.5 on a scale of 1 through 7.
- In a licensed type I facility parent feedback is collected annually.
- In a licensed type II or certified home, the facility scored at least a 5 on ERS for indicator No. 24, “Use of TV,” which states: “Provider limits use of TV to programs regarded as good for children and no more than two hours a day.”
- In a licensed type I facility: 50 percent of the staff have a Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher and 50 percent of the staff working with children have current CPR/first aid training.
- In a licensed type I facility, the director will have at least 24 hours of early care and education training annually.
- In a licensed type I facility, the staff receives a minimum of six paid holidays per year and one week paid leave time after one year.
- In a licensed type II or certified home, parents are provided with a written daily report for children 2 and younger, as well as a parent handbook which contains program’s policies.