



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 **TWO 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 comes. 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 two-STAR rating mean for your child?

Two-STAR centers and family child care homes have met the requirements for Level 1 as well as these additional requirements.

- The facility conducts one additional family involvement activity and has a written plan for family involvement.
- The facility has completed all applicable ERS and has received an average score of 3 on a scale of 1 through 7.
- The facility has developed a written ERS improvement plan.
- Licensed type I program staff have a written staff evaluation annually.
- In a licensed type I facility, staff will receive a total of at least 15 hours of early care and education training annually and the director will receive a total of at least 18 hours of early care and education training annually.
- In a licensed type II facility, the director and staff will have a total of at least 15 hours of early care and education training annually.
- In a certified home, the providers will have a total of at least nine hours of early care and education training annually.
- In a licensed type II facility or certified home, providers have maintained a financial program record-keeping system.