

**STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS
CERTIFIED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Ratios	1 &2. Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the capacity requirements established in 922 KAR 2:100 "Certification of Family Child-Care Homes"	1 &2. Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the capacity requirements established in 922 KAR 2:100 "Certification of Family Child-Care Homes"	1. Level 1 requirements plus : 2. Employ an assistant if the home cares for 6 or fewer children and more than 3 children are less than 24 months old	1. Level 3 restrictions, and maximum capacity of nine (9) <i>(May care for up to 3 related children in addition to 6 unrelated children.)</i>
Curriculum	3. Current certification standards 4. Attend an overview of STARS prior to program participation 5. Post in a prominent area: Planned Program of Activities 6. Daily Schedule 7. Coordinate at least one annual activity involving parental or family participation 8. Agree to conduct the environment assessment within the first twelve months of Participation 9. During the second year: develop written Improvement plan in each area identified by the environment assessment as needing improvement	3. Level 1 requirements plus : 4. One additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 2) 5. Provide documentation of a written plan for parental or family involvement 6. Achieve an average score of at least three (3) on the ERS 7. Develop annual written ERS improvement plan with assistance, if requested, from Cabinet or its designee. 8. Maintain minimum average ERS score of 4 by 4 th year and beyond	3. Level 2 requirements plus : 4. One additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 3) 6. Achieve an average score of at least 4.5 on the Environment Rating Scales 7. Achieve a score of at least 5 on the ERS portion pertaining to the use of television (Provider limits use of TV to programs and video games regarded as good for children. No more than 2 hrs per day. Activities are provided as an alternative while TV is on)	2. Level 3 requirements plus : 3. One additional family involvement activity annually (<i>minimum of 4</i>) 4. Achieve an average score of at least 5.5 on the Environment Rating Scales 5. Accreditation by state approved national accrediting organization <u>To qualify for Enhancement Award:</u> An average program score above 5.5 on family child care ERS
Training	10. Current certification standards 11. The family child-care home must develop and implement a written plan for obtaining annual training	Level 1 requirements plus : 10. Ensure that at least one person on duty is certified in infant and child CPR and First Aid 11. Complete nine (9) clock hours annually of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee	8. Level 2 requirements plus : 9. Provider has a total of 18 clock hours of training annually or has Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher and completes 9 clock hours of training annually 10. By 4 th year in STARS, provider must have CDA or higher. Ensure each assistant has: 11. Attended basic orientation training 12. Obtained six (6) hours of early care and education training annually	6. Level 3 requirements plus : 7. Provider has received the Kentucky Director's Credential Provider has received a CDA or higher Degree in Early Childhood Education
Business Practices	14. Written program policies including: current rates, hours of operation, plan for how info is shared daily with parents, late fees, holidays, vacation, illness, who may pick up a child 15. Maintain a written parent/provider agreement	Level 1 requirements plus : 14. Provide proof that a recordkeeping system Is maintained, including: a) Documentation of business expenses b) Income from business	14. Level 2 requirements plus : 15. Provide families with a written daily report For children age 2 and under 16. Parents provided with handbook that contains program's policies	Level 3 requirements plus : 9. Be a member of an early childhood professional organization
Regulatory Compliance	Current certification in good standing	Current certification in good standing	Current certification in good standing	Current certification in good standing