

**STARS for KIDS NOW CHILD CARE QUALITY RATING SYSTEM STANDARDS  
LICENSED TYPE II FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES**

	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
Ratios	1. Current Licensing standards; 12 maximum number children in care Age Ratio 0-1 1:5 1-2 1:6 2-3 1:10 3 and older 1:12  2. Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the above staff to child ratios and group size	1. Current Licensing standards; 12 maximum number children in care Age Ratio 0-1 1:5 1-2 1:6 2-3 1:10 3 and older 1:12  2. Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the above staff to child ratios and group size	1. Age Ratio 0 - 1 1:4 1 - 2 1:5 2 - 3 1:8 3 and older 1:12  2. Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the above staff to child ratios and group size	1. Age Ratio 0 - 1 1:4 1 - 2 1:5 2 - 3 1:8 3 and older 1:12  Post prominently in the home and maintain compliance with the above staff to child ratios and group size
Curriculum	3. Current licensing 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 <b>plus</b> : 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 <sup>th</sup> year and beyond	3. Level 2 requirements <b>plus</b> : 4. One additional family involvement activity annually (minimum of 3) 6. Achieve an average score of at least 4.5 on the ERS 7. Achieve a score of at least 5 on the ERS portion pertaining to the use of television	2. Level 3 requirements <b>plus</b> : 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><b>To qualify for Enhancement Award:</b></u>  An average program score <b>above 5.5</b> on family child care ERS
Training	10. Current licensing standards 11. Develop and implement a written annual plan for obtaining training for each employee, including the licensee	Level 1 requirements <b>plus</b> : 11 & 12. Licensee and each staff person annually complete fifteen (15) clock hours of early care and education training approved by the cabinet or its designee 13. Comply with provisions of: a) 11 KAR 16:040, Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program recordkeeping requirements; and (b) 11 KAR 16:060, Early Childhood Development Scholarship Program system of monetary incentives	8. Level 2 requirements <b>plus</b> : 9. <b>Staff</b> complete a total of <b>18</b> clock hours of training annually <b>or</b> have Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher and completes 15 clock hours of training annually 10. <b>Director</b> completes a total of <b>21</b> clock hours of training annually <b>or</b> has Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher <b>and</b> Completes <b>18</b> clock hours of training annually By 4 <sup>th</sup> year in STARS, director <b>must</b> have CDA or higher	6. Level 3 requirements <b>plus</b> : 7. <b>Staff</b> have a total of <b>21</b> clock hours training annually <b>or</b> Commonwealth Child Care Credential or higher 8. Director has received a CDA or higher Degree in Early Childhood Education Director completes the Kentucky's Director's
Business Practices	14. <b>Written</b> 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 <b>written</b> parent/provider agreement	Level 1 requirements <b>plus</b> : 14. Provide proof that a recordkeeping system Is maintained, including: a) Documentation of business expenses b) Income from business	14. Level 2 requirements <b>plus</b> : 15. Provide families with a <b>written</b> daily report for children age 2 and under 16. Parents provided with handbook that contains program's policies	Level 3 requirements <b>plus</b> : 9. Be a member of an early childhood professional organization
Regulatory Compliance	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing	Current license in good standing