Looking for Quality Child Care

LOOK FOR THE STARS!

Child care providers accepting child care subsidy payments are required to participate in the Kentucky All STARS Program - the state’s quality-rating system for all early care and education programs.

What is Kentucky All STARS?

Kentucky All STARS is a quality rating system for all early care and education programs in Kentucky including Licensed Type I, Type II, Certified Family Child Care Homes, Head Start and public preschools. Kentucky All STARS recognizes programs that have made a commitment to continuous quality improvement and provides programs with additional support including training, technical assistance and coaching.

Kentucky All STARS is based on Kentucky’s Early Childhood Standards and research-based indicators of quality.

To help locate child care in your community, parents can call Child Care Aware at 877-316-3552. You can also visit https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kyallstars.aspx to find licensed child care facilities who participate in Kentucky All STARS.

What does a Kentucky All STARS rating mean for your child?

- Kentucky All STARS standards help to measure program quality in the following areas:
  - Family & Community Engagement
  - Classroom & Instructional Quality
  - Staff Qualifications & Professional Development
  - Administrative & Leadership Practices
  - Child Care Environment
- Parents can participate in family involvement activities.
- Early Care and Education Programs participating in Kentucky All STARS at Level 3 or above have been verified as high quality.
- Programs participating in Kentucky All STARS have access to quality coaching, training materials, and professional development opportunities to help them maintain a high quality of early childhood care.

What difference does quality make?
• Better parent-child relationships
• Greater thinking skills
• Better attention skills
• Enhanced academic performances
• Better relationship with peers
• Greater chance for finishing school

For additional information for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), go to: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/ccap.aspx