

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:
 - o Family & Community Engagement
 - o Classroom & Instructional Quality
 - o Staff Qualifications & Professional Development
 - o Administrative & Leadership Practices
 - o 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>