

# A Guide to Early Achievers Ratings

Early Achievers uses a rating system to help families understand their child care provider's progress in quality improvement.

The rating system provides information about the quality of early learning programs so you can feel confident about your child care choice.



Early learning professionals are continuously building on the skills they develop through Early Achievers. Their participation demonstrates a commitment to improving quality of care for children.

## Level 1: Licensed Facilities

To join Early Achievers, early learning providers must meet licensing requirements to ensure a safe and healthy environment for children. Licensed staff are trained in child development, first aid and CPR and have passed comprehensive background checks.

## Level 2: Professional Growth and Facility Management

Facilities at Level 2 are participating in quality improvement. These providers are working toward meeting Early Achievers Quality Standards and program requirements through training, self-assessment and documentation.

## Levels 3—5: Evaluation and Rating

Rated facilities have achieved a quality level of excellence. These facilities have demonstrated quality through an on-site assessment focused on the learning environment and interactions between teachers and children.



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