

Join Us.
78,000+
Children
are in Star Rated
programs.



**Spotting Star
Rated Programs**
Look for our yard
signs and banners.



**How Does
Your Child Spend
the Day?**
There are 1,892 days
from birth until school
starts. Step Up To Quality
programs know every
day matters.

Your Star

*Deserves a Star Rated
Early Childhood Program*



Welcome to Step Up To Quality

Step Up To Quality is Ohio's Star Rating system for licensed early childhood programs. Step Up To Quality makes it easy to find a great child care and early learning program for your child.

What Makes Star Rated Programs Special?

- Highly trained teachers
- Fewer children per classroom
- Early education programming
- Commitment to continuous improvement

Step Up Measures Up

Parents are choosing Step Up To Quality because they want the best for their children. Research from The Ohio State University confirms that as programs add stars, the benefits to children add up. They display more confidence, a curiosity about the world around them and are ready to learn. These are skills important for success in school and in life.



Among the Best in Ohio

Step Up To Quality was created to help parents like you identify early care and education programs that go beyond the minimum standards of licensing. Star Rated programs voluntarily meet higher levels of care and early learning.

What Kinds of Programs Are Star Rated?

Whatever type of program you prefer, there's one that's Star Rated to meet your needs – from faith-based, to Head Start, Montessori, Reggio, full-day, part-day, part year and even parent co-ops.

The More Stars the Better

Step Up To Quality programs earn one, two or three stars. Each star signals a higher standard of staff qualifications and planned early learning activities. All Star Rated programs are good for children.

Learning Places

I am engaged in activities supporting my development.



Nurturing Places

I feel welcome and everyone is responsive to my needs.



Healthy Places

I am comfortable, everyone looks out for my well-being.



Safe Places

I feel protected, everyone keeps me out of harm's way.



Step Up To Quality Teachers Are Highly Trained

Just like other professions, teachers in Star Rated programs are required to keep up to date on the latest knowledge, research and techniques to support your child's development and learning. These dedicated teachers:

- Complete 10 hours of specialized training each year
- Are prepared to meet your child's unique needs
- Plan learning activities using Ohio's Infant & Toddler Guidelines and Early Learning Content Standards

Resource & Referral Agencies by County

Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Williams, Wood
YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral
(419) 255-5519
(800) 632-3052
ywcatoledo.org

Allen, Auglaize, Hancock, Hardin, Mercer, Putnam, Van Wert, Wyandot
YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral
(419) 225-5465
(800) 992-2916
ywcatoledo.org

Lorain, Erie, Huron, Sandusky, Seneca
Child Care Resource Center
(440) 960-7187
(800) 526-5268
ccrcinc.com

Champaign, Clark, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby
4C Miami Valley
(937) 220-9660
(800) 340-0600
4cforchildren.org

Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake
Starting Point
(216) 575-0061
(800) 880-0971
starting-point.org

Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, Union
Action for Children
(614) 224-0222
actionforchildren.org

Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull
Child Care Connection
(330) 376-7706
(800) 407-KIDS (5437)
childcare-connection.org

Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Hocking, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Washington
COAD Child Care Resource Network
(740) 373-6996
(800) 577-2276
coadinc.org

Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Knox, Tuscarawas, Wayne
COAD Child Care Resource Network
(330) 364-8882
(800) 577-2276
coadinc.org

Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton
COAD Child Care Resource Network
(740) 354-6527
(800) 577-2276
coadinc.org

Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Warren
4C
(513) 221-0033
(800) 256-1296
4cforchildren.org

Marion, Morrow, Richland, Crawford
Child Care Choices
(419) 468-7581
(800) 92CHILD (922-4453)
childcarechoices.org

How to Find a Star Rated Program Near You

Visit stepuptoquality.org or call your local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency.

Ohio | Department of Job and Family Services

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State of Ohio

Douglas E. Lumpkin, **Director**
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