



Congratulations!!

Your child is enrolled, or you may be considering enrolling your child, in a high quality early care and education program. Our program is rated at a **Gold** level, meaning we are exceeding Ohio's minimum health and safety licensing standards!

High quality early care and education programs are important to support positive early development and learning experiences that are known to last a lifetime. Your child has 1,892 days from the day they are born until they enter kindergarten. What happens on this journey lays the foundation for success in school and life.

Gold level programs, rated through Ohio's Step Up To Quality, means that your child is enrolled in a program where:

- **Staff/child ratios are lower.**
Our teachers have more time to support your child's individual development and learning. This is important because 90% of brain development occurs by the time your child is 6 years old.
- **Staff have higher education qualifications.**
The administrator and 50% of lead teachers have an associate degree or schooling, training and experiences that is equivalent. This education benefits your child's development and learning.
- **Administrators complete an additional fifteen (15) hours and teachers complete an additional ten (10) hours of professional development each year.**
Our administrator and teaching staff commit to expanding their education and skills to better support your child's development and learning.
- **Teachers develop lesson plans that support each child's growth.**
Our teachers plan intentional and purposeful activities that meet the needs, interests and abilities of your child and supports them where they are in their development.
- **The program completes assessments to evaluate and improve the learning experience.**
Our teachers complete regular assessments with your child to track their growth over time. This lets our teachers adjust how they offer experiences to your child daily.
- **The program values families and community.**
Our program works with families and neighborhood organizations to provide more opportunities for your child.

For more information on our program or other star rated programs visit

<http://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/>

To stay current with information regarding early care and education programs in your area and statewide, visit <https://childrenandyouth.ohio.gov/for-providers/step-up-to-quality>.