

Child Care Quality System Framework

Licensed Family Child Care



DOMAIN 1: HEALTH AND SAFETY – 15% of Total

Licensing Compliance with Child Care Licensing in past 12 months	SELECT ONE:	POINTS
	0 public findings	16
	1 public findings	11
	2 public findings	6
	3 or more public findings	0
LICENSING — SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		16
Participation in a health and safety program	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:	POINTS
	TOP Star: Level 3	5
	TOP Star: Level 2	4
	TOP Star: Level 1	3
	Healthier CACFP: Highest honors in 3 or more categories, OR	5
	Healthier CACFP: High honors or highest honors in 3 or more categories, OR	4
	Healthier CACFP: Honors, high honors or highest honors in 3 or more categories	3
	Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom	1.5
	Eco-Healthy Child Care Environment	1.5
PARTICIPATION— SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		8
HEALTH AND SAFETY TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		24

DOMAIN 2: LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS – 35% of Total

 Ratios and Group Size based on onsite verification	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:	POINTS
	Ratios: A ratio, including licensee and caregiver's own children under the age of six, is one caregiver for six children with no more than two children under age two; or, two caregivers for every 12 children with no more than four children under age two.	6
	Group size: Maximum group size, including licensee and caregiver's own children through age 12, is eight with one caregiver, 16 with two caregivers.	6
RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE — SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		12
Observations conducted using FCCERS-3	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:	POINTS
	Overall Observation (average all FCCERS-3 scores and multiply by 3)	Maximum 20
	Minimum score of 4 on each Language / Books subscale	5
	Minimum score of 4 on each Interactions subscale	5
OBSERVATIONS— SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		30

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DOMAIN 2: LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS CONTINUED  Family Engagement	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:		POINTS
	Regular Family Conferences	2x year OR	4
		Annually	2
	Child Assessments and Developmental Screenings		2
	Connecting Families to Service Agencies		1
	Activities for Families to Accommodate Schedules	4x year OR	2
		2x year	1
	Regular Communication on Child		2
	Monthly Communication on Program Information		1
	Mechanism for receiving feedback from parents	2x year OR	2
		Annually	1
Information on Transitions		1	
Supporting English Language Learners		1	
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT — SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:			16
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:			56

DOMAIN 3: LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – 35% of Total

 Education of Primary Caregiver	SELECT POINTS ONLY WITHIN ONE OPTION:		POINTS
	Option 1 (maximum possible points: 56)	Career Ladder (CL) Level 10 or higher	40
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	12
		5+ years of verifiable experience	4
	Option 2 (maximum possible points: 46)	Career Ladder Level 9	30
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	12
		5+ years of verifiable experience	4
	Option 3 (maximum possible points: 36)	CL Level 8 w/current demonstrated competency, OR	15
		CL Level 4-7 w/current demonstrated competency	12
		Verified college credit hour in field (maximum 20 possible)	1 Point/hour
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	12
5+ years of verifiable experience		4	
EDUCATION OF PRIMARY CAREGIVER — SUBTOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:			56
LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:			56

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DOMAIN 4: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION – 5% of Total

Training and credentials of the administrator responsible for business operations	SELECT ONE:	POINTS
	Bachelor's degree or higher with 9 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration	4
	Associate degree or higher with 6 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration	3
	Aim4Excellence Director's Credential	3
	Current National Administrator's Credential (NAC)	2
	SELECT IF APPLICABLE:	POINTS
10 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training in the area of business or leadership	4	
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		8



DOMAIN 5: NATIONAL ACCREDITATION – 10% of Total

National Accreditation	SELECT ONE:	POINTS
	National Association for Family Child Care	16
NATIONAL ACCREDITATION TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS:		16

GRAND TOTAL SCORE

MAXIMUM TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS IN EACH DOMAIN:	POINTS
1. Health and Safety	24
2. Learning Environments and Relationships	56
3. Leadership and Professional Development	56
4. Management and Administration	8
5. National Accreditation	16
GRAND TOTAL MAXIMUM SCORE:	160



USE THE QUALITY RATING CHECKLIST TO DETERMINE THE QUALITY RATING. REMEMBER, ALL BOXES MUST BE CHECKED TO QUALIFY.

Child Care Quality System: Quality Rating Checklist



LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE REQUIREMENTS

FOUR RATINGS:

1. Foundation of Quality Rating

The program is fully licensed by the Utah Dept. of Health Child Care Licensing Program, which enforces foundational health and safety standards in child care facilities.

- License in good standing (not conditional)

2. Building Quality Rating

The program is implementing practices that can lead to high quality including participating in observations and may also include additional technical assistance, professional development and coaching.

- License in Good Standing (not conditional)
- Minimum 48 total points required from components
- Scored at least 10 points on the Observation component

3. High Quality Rating

The program creates an environment that supports good outcomes for children. Observed interactions are educational and built on positive relationships. The program continues to support high-quality care through ongoing professional development.

- License in Good Standing (not conditional)
- Minimum 88 total points required from components
- Scored at least 5 points in each of the following components:
 - Licensing Compliance
 - Education of Primary Caregiver
- Scored at least 21 points on the Observation Component, with a minimum FCCERS-3 score of 3.67 in each observation
- Scored at least a 4 on the Language and Books subscale
- Scored at least a 4 on the Interactions subscale

4. High Quality Plus Rating

The program is shown to continually go beyond the required standards for high quality.

- License in Good Standing (not conditional)
- Minimum 128 total points required from components
- Scored at least 10 points in each of the following components:
 - Licensing Compliance
 - Education of Primary Caregiver
- Scored at least 25 points on the Observation Component, with a minimum FCCERS-3 score of 3.67 in each observation
- Scored at least a 4 on the Language and Books subscale
- Scored at least a 4 on the Interactions subscale