









Child Care Quality System (CCQS) Framework

Center-based Programs



Domain 1: Health and Safety		
Licensing Compliance with Office of Licensing	Select One:	Points
	0 public citations	20
	1 public citation	15
	2 public citations	10
	3 or more public citations	0
	Licensing – Subtotal Points	20
Participation in a health and safety program 	Select all that apply:	
	TOP Star: Level 5	10
	TOP Star: Level 4	8
	TOP Star: Level 3	6
	TOP Star: Level 2	4
	TOP Star: Level 1	2
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 3 or more categories	10
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 2 categories and High Honors in 1 or more categories	8
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 1 category and High Honors in 2 or more categories	6
	Healthier CACFP: Honors, High or Highest Honors in 3 or more categories	4
	Healthier CACFP: Honors or High in 3 or more categories	2
	Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom	3
	Eco-Healthy Child Care Environment	3
	Participation – Subtotal Points	10
Health and Safety Total Points		30
Domain 2: Learning Environments and Relationships		
Ratios and Group Size based on onsite verification 	Select all that apply:	Points
	Ratios	Up to 12
	Group Size	Up to 12
	Ratios and Group Size – Subtotal Points	24
Observations conducted using ITERS, ECERS and SAPQA	Select all that apply:	
	Overall Observation (average all observation scores and multiply by 5)	30
	Observations – Subtotal Points	30

Family Engagement		Choose from the following for up to a total of 16 points:		Points
	Family Conferences	2x year, OR		4
		Annually		2
	Developmental Screenings	ASQ Online		4
		ASQ		2
		Other Tool		1
	Connecting to Services			1
	Activities for Families	1 point each, up to 4x year		up to 4
	Home Learning Activities	4x year, OR		2
		2x year		1
	Donation of Time/Resources			1
	Communication on Child			2
	Communication on Program			1
	Share Program Philosophy			1
	Visit Before Enrollment			1
	Open Visitation Policy			1
	Discipline Policy			2
	Collaborate to Avoid Expulsion			2
	Grievance Procedures			1
	Supporting English Learners			1
	Breastfeeding Support Policy			1
	Information on Transitions			1
	Parent Handbook Review			1
	Parent Feedback	2x year, OR		2
		Annually		1
	Family Engagement – Subtotal Points			16
Inclusion of children with special needs	Program has current All Means All certification			10
Learning Environments and Relationships Total Points				80
Domain 3: Leadership and Professional Development				
	Select Points within One Option:			Points
	Education of Primary Director			
	Option 1	Career Ladder Level 10 or higher		28
	Option 2	Career Ladder Level 9		22
	Option 3 (Max. 18 points)	Career Ladder Level 8 w/current demonstrated competency		15
		Career Ladder Level 4-7 w/current demonstrated competency		12
		Verified college credit hour in field		1 pt/hour
	20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training			12
5+ years of verifiable experience			5	
	Education of Primary Director – Subtotal Points			45

Education of Caregivers A caregiver can only be counted in one category 	Select One:	Points
	At least 25% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	20
	At least 20% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	15
	At least 15% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	10
	At least 25% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	15
	At least 20% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	10
	At least 15% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	5
	Education of Caregivers – Subtotal Points	35
Leadership and Professional Development Total Points		80
Domain 4: Management and Administration		
Training and credentials of the administrator responsible for business operations 	Select One:	Points
	A college degree with 6 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration.	5
	Aim4 Excellence Director's Credential	4
	Current National Administrator's Credential (NAC)	3
	Select if applicable:	
	10 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training in the area of business or leadership	5
Management and Administration Total Points		10
Domain 5: National Accreditation		
National Accreditation <i>*Early Head Start partnerships do not count</i> 	Select One:	Points
	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation	20
	National Association for the Education of Young Children - Accreditation Plus	20
	National Accreditation Commission	20
	Head Start and Early Head Start Programs*	20
National Accreditation Total Points		20
GRAND TOTAL SCORE		
	Total possible points in each section:	
	1. Health and Safety	30
	2. Learning Environments and Relationships	80
	3. Leadership and Professional Development	80
	4. Management and Administration	10
	5. National Accreditation	20
	Grand Total Score	220



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Quality Rating Minimum Requirements

Foundation of Quality Rating: The program is fully licensed by the Utah Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Licensing Program, which enforces foundational health and safety standards in child care facilities.	
<input type="checkbox"/> License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible	
Emerging Quality Rating: The program is fully licensed and beginning to implement practices that can lead to high quality.	
<input type="checkbox"/> License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 30 total points required from components	
Growing 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 for program staff.	
<input type="checkbox"/> License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 65 total points required from components <input type="checkbox"/> At least 16 points in the Observation component	
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 of staff.	
<input type="checkbox"/> License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible <input type="checkbox"/> No high or extreme citations assessed <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 120 points total points required from components <input type="checkbox"/> At least 10 points on Licensing Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> At least 18 points on Education of Director <input type="checkbox"/> At least 10 points on Education of Caregivers <input type="checkbox"/> At least 20 points in the Observation Component <input type="checkbox"/> Score of at least 3 or higher in each classroom observed	

Please visit the official CCQS website at jobs.utah.gov/occ/provider/quality.html for more resources.

For questions, please contact your regional [Child Care Resource Agency](#) CCQS Specialist or email ccqs@utah.gov.