

Child Care Quality System (CCQS) Framework

Family-based Programs



Domain 1: Health and Safety		
Licensing Compliance with Office of Licensing	Select One: 0 public citations 1 public citation 2 public citations 3 or more public citations	Points 20 15 10 0
		Licensing – Subtotal Points (Max. 20) 20
Participation in a health and safety program	Select all that apply: TOP Star: Level 5 TOP Star: Level 4 TOP Star: Level 3 TOP Star: Level 2 TOP Star: Level 1 Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 3 or more categories Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 2 categories and High Honors in 1 or more categories Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 1 category and High Honors in 2 or more categories Healthier CACFP: Honors, High or Highest Honors in 3 or more categories Healthier CACFP: Honors or High in 3 or more categories Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom Eco-Healthy Child Care Environment	 10 8 6 4 2 10 8 6 4 2 3 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: Ratios: Maintain a 1:6 ratio 1:6 ratio with 1 or 2 children under age two with 1 caregiver, or 1 to 4 children under age 2 with 2 or more caregivers Group Size	Points 6 6 12
		Ratios and Group Size – Subtotal Points 24
Observations conducted using FCCERS	Select all that apply: Overall Observation (average all observation scores and multiply by 3) Minimum score of 4 on each Language/Literacy subscale Minimum score of 4 on each Interactions subscale	 20 5 5
		Observations – Subtotal Points 30

Family Engagement	Choose from the following for up to a total of 16 points:		Points		
	Family Conferences	2x year, OR Annually ASQ Online ASQ Other Tool	4 2 4 2 1		
Developmental Screenings	Developmental Screenings	1			
	Connecting to Services	1 point each, up to 4x year	up to 4		
	Home Learning Activities	4x year, OR 2x year	2 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					
Education of Primary Caregiver	Select Points within One Option:		Points		
	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		
		Career Ladder Level 3-8 with no current demonstrated competency	6		
		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 Caregiver – Subtotal Points		45		
Leadership and Professional Development Total Points			45		

Domain 4: Management and Administration		
Training and credentials of the administrator responsible for business operations	Select One: A college degree with 6 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration.	Points 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: National Association for the Education of Young Children - Accreditation Plus	Points 20
	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)	20
	National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)	20
	National Accreditation Total Points 20	
GRAND TOTAL SCORE		
	Total possible points in each section: 1. Health and Safety 2. Learning Environments and Relationships 3. Leadership and Professional Development 4. Management and Administration 5. National Accreditation	
		Grand Total Score 185



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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.

- 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.

- License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible
- 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.

- License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible
- Minimum 55 total points required from components
- At least 10 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.

- License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS Eligible
- No high or extreme citations assessed
- Minimum 100 total points required from components
- At least 10 points on Licensing Compliance
- At least 18 points on Education of Primary Caregiver
- At least 21 points in the Observation Component
- ERS Score of 3.67 or higher in each observation
- Scored at least a 4 for Language and Books subscale for each ERS observation
- Scored at least a 4 for Interactions subscale for each ERS observation



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.