



# Child Care Quality System Framework for Centers



## DOMAIN 1: HEALTH AND SAFETY

 Licensing Compliance	<b>SELECT ONE:</b>	<b>AVAILABLE POINTS</b>
	0 public rule violations	20
	1 public rule violations	15
	2 public rule violations	10
	3 or more public rule violations	0
<b>LICENSING COMPLIANCE — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>20</b>
Health and Safety Program Participation	<b>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY: (max 10 points)</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	TOP Star: Level 3 or higher OR	6
	TOP Star: Level 2 OR	4
	TOP Star: Level 1	2
	Healthier CACFP: Highest honors in 3 or more categories, OR	6
	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	2
	Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom	2
Eco-Healthy Child Care Environment	2	
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY TOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>30</b>


## DOMAIN 2: LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

 Ratios and Group Size	<b>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	Ratios	Up to 12
	Group size	Up to 12
<b>RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>24</b>
Observations	<b>SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	Overall Observation (average all ERS scores and multiply by 3)	Maximum 20
	Minimum score of 4 on each Language / Literacy subscale	5
	Minimum score of 4 on each Interactions subscale	5
<b>OBSERVATIONS — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>30</b>

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DOMAIN 2: LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS CONTINUED	SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:		AVAILABLE POINTS
<b>Family Engagement</b>	Family Conferences	2 points annually OR 4 points 2x a year	2 or 4
	Developmental Screenings	2 points for ASQ or 1 point for other tool	1 or 2
	Connecting to Services		1
	Activities for Families	1 point 2x year or 2 points 4x year	1 or 2
	Communication on Child		2
	Communication on Program		1
	Parent Feedback	1 point annually or 2 points 2x year	1 or 2
	Information on Transitions		1
	Supporting English Learners		1
	<b>FAMILY ENGAGEMENT — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		
<b>LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND RELATIONSHIPS TOTAL POINTS:</b>			<b>70</b>

## DOMAIN 3: LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Education of Director	SELECT POINTS ONLY WITHIN ONE OPTION:		AVAILABLE POINTS
 <b>Education of Director</b>	Option 1 (maximum possible points: 35)	Career Ladder (CL) Level 10 or higher	28
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	5
		5+ years of verifiable experience	2
	Option 2 (maximum possible points: 29)	Career Ladder Level 9	22
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	5
		5+ years of verifiable experience	2
	Option 3 (maximum possible points: 24)	CL Level 8 w/current demonstrated competency, OR	10
		CL Level 4-7 w/current demonstrated competency	8
		Verified college credit hour in field	1 Point/hour
		20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	5
<b>EDUCATION OF DIRECTOR — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>			<b>35</b>
<b>Education of Caregivers</b>	Category 1	<b>SELECT ONE:</b> At least 25% of caregivers are current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	20
		At least 20% of caregivers are current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	15
	Category 2	<b>SELECT ONE:</b> 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
	<b>EDUCATION OF CAREGIVERS — SUBTOTAL POINTS:</b>		
<b>LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TOTAL POINTS:</b>			<b>70</b>

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## DOMAIN 4: MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

<b>Administrator responsible for business operations</b>	<b>SELECT ONE:</b>	<b>AVAILABLE POINTS</b>
	Bachelor's degree or higher with 9 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration	5
	Associate degree or higher with 6 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration	4
	Current Aim4Excellence Director's Credential	4
	Current National Administrator's Credential (NAC)	3
	<b>SELECT IF APPLICABLE:</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
	10 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training in the area of business or leadership	5
<b>MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION TOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>10</b>

## DOMAIN 5: NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

 <b>National Accreditation</b>	<b>SELECT ONE:</b>	<b>AVAILABLE POINTS</b>
	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation	20
	National Association for the Education of Young Children	20
	Council on Accreditation	20
	National Accreditation Commission	20
	Head Start and Early Head Start Programs*	20
<b>NATIONAL ACCREDITATION TOTAL POINTS:</b>		<b>20</b>

\*(does not include Early Head Start Partnerships)

## GRAND TOTAL SCORE

ADD ALL POINTS FROM EACH SECTION:	POINTS
1. Health and Safety	30
2. Learning Environments and Relationships	70
3. Leadership and Professional Development	70
4. Management and Administration	10
5. National Accreditation	20
<b>GRAND TOTAL SCORE:</b>	<b>200</b>



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

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## RATING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All minimum requirements must be met for a program to qualify for a rating

### 1. Foundation of Quality

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

### 2. Building Quality

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
- Minimum 60 total points
- At least 10 points on the Observation component
- Score of 3 or higher on the SAPQA, if applicable

### 3. High Quality

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
- No civil money penalties assessed
- Minimum 110 points total points
- At least 5 points on the Licensing Compliance
- At least 5 points on the Education of Director
- At least 5 points on the Education of Caregivers
- At least 21 points on the Observation component
- ERS Score of 3.67 or higher in each classroom observed
- Scored at least a 4 for Language/Literacy subscale for each ERS observation
- Scored at least a 4 for Interactions subscale for each ERS observation
- Score of 3.5 or higher on the School Age PQA, if applicable

### 4. High Quality Plus

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



- License in good standing
- No civil money penalties assessed
- Minimum 160 total points
- At least 10 points on the Licensing Compliance:
- At least 10 points on the Education of Director
- At least 10 points on the Education of Caregivers
- At least 25 points on the Observation component
- ERS Score of 3.67 or higher in each classroom observed
- Scored at least a 4 for Language/Literacy subscale for each ERS observation
- Scored at least a 4 for Interactions subscale for each ERS observation
- Score of 4 or higher on the School Age PQA, if applicable