



Congratulations!!

Your child is enrolled, or you may be considering enrolling your child, in a learning and development program with a level of quality that exceeds Ohio's child care licensing standards.

High-quality learning and development programs are important because early experiences last a lifetime. Your child has approximately 1,892 days from the time he or she is born until kindergarten. What happens on this journey lays the foundation for success in school and life.

A Step Up To Quality **One-Star** rated program means your child is in a program where:

- **The administrator, lead teachers and assistant teachers complete 20 hours of specialized training every two years.**
The administrator and teaching staff are committed to expanding their knowledge and skills to better support your child's development and learning.
- **Teachers are familiar with Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards.**
Program staff members are aware that these standards are important to child development and they use this information to support your child's growth and learning.
- **Relationship-building with families is valued.**
The program administrators and staff build relationships with families and share information with families about community services and resources.
- **Administrators are committed to continuous improvement.**
The staff strives to continuously improve the program and staff members look for ways to make their good program even better. By conducting self-assessments, the program staff members identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement.

To stay current with information regarding learning and development programs in your area and statewide, visit www.earlychildhoodohio.org