



## Congratulations!



Your child is enrolled in a child care center that is participating in the STARS for KIDS NOW program. Your child's center has received a rating of **FOUR STARS**.

### What is STARS for KIDS NOW?

STARS for KIDS NOW is Kentucky's voluntary quality rating system for licensed type I, type II and certified family child care homes. Ratings are from one to four STARS. A center's participation in STARS for KIDS NOW indicates that the program's staff wish to measure quality indicators above those standards required by licensing regulations.

STARS for KIDS Now is part of Kentucky's Early Childhood Initiative, KIDS NOW.

### For more information about STARS for KIDS NOW:

Contact the Division of Child Care  
Department for Community Based Services  
275 E. Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621  
Telephone (502) 564-2524, e-mail:STARS@KY.gov

## What does a four-STAR rating mean for your child?

Four-STAR centers and family child care homes have met the requirements for Levels 1, 2 and 3 as well as these requirements.

- Conducts one additional family involvement activity for a total of four.
- The facility staff-to-child ratios are based on accreditation source; therefore, are lower than the licensing regulation requirements.
- In a licensed type II facility or certified home, the facility has completed applicable Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) and has received an average score of 5.5 on a scale of 1 through 7.
- In a licensed type I facility, the facility has completed all applicable ERS and has received an average score of 6 on a scale of 1 through 7.
- The facility or home is accredited by an organization approved by the Kentucky Early Childhood Development Authority (CDA).
- In a licensed type I facility, there is a minimum of one staff with a CDA or higher in each classroom during all hours of operation and the director meets accrediting organization standards and has the Kentucky Director's Credential.
- In a licensed type II facility or certified home, the provider has the Kentucky Director's Credential and a CDA or higher, and the director is also a member of an early childhood professional organization.
- In a licensed type II facility, the staff has at least a total of 21 hours of early care and education training annually.
- Programs that have received a rating of Level 4 Enhanced:  
Licensed type I programs offer health insurance and pay a minimum of 50 percent of single plan for full-time employees.  
Licensed type II programs or certified homes received an average score on ERS above 5.5 on a scale of 1 through 7.