

How Does Your Child Spend the Day?

There are 1892 days from birth until school starts. Step Up To Quality programs know every day matters.

Join the more than 229,000 Ohio children in rated programs.

Find a Rated Program

Look for the Step Up To Quality logo displayed at participating programs.



Visit childcaresearch.ohio.gov to search for a rated program near you.



Step Up To Quality:

Building a Strong Start for Your Child



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What is Step Up To Quality

Step Up To Quality is Ohio's quality rating system for early care and education programs.

Programs can earn a rating of Gold, Silver or Bronze. These ratings help families like yours choose a program that offers higher levels of quality and learning opportunities for your child.



There is so much to know, and my teacher gives me many chances to discover my world.

My body is growing fast, and my teacher knows I need to move to be strong and healthy!

What a Rated Program Means for Your Child

Rated programs go beyond the minimum standards that all programs must follow. In a Step Up To Quality program you will find:

- Highly qualified teachers who know how your child grows and learns.
- Partnerships with families to make sure your child's needs are met.
- Programs looking for ways to always get better at caring for your child.
- Teachers who help your child get ready for Kindergarten with fun activities and learning.

I learn new words every day. My teacher talks with me, asks me questions, reads to me, and helps me write down my ideas.

I learn in a lot of different ways, and my teacher encourages me to use all of them!

How I feel is important and my teacher knows that.