

# Quality Standards for Family Child Care Homes

## Learning Environment – Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R)

- Subscales: Space-Furnishings, Personal Care Routines, Listening and Talking, Activities, Interaction, Program Structure, Parents and Provider
- Scored on 7-point scale: 1=Inadequate, 3=Minimal, 5=Good, 7=Excellent

1	2	3	4	5
FCCERS-R 3.0-3.49	FCCERS-R 3.5-3.99	FCCERS-R 4.0-4.49	FCCERS-R 4.5-5.49	FCCERS-R 5.5-7.0

## Provider Qualifications (All of the previous levels required)

1	2	3	4	5
Meets Licensing Requirements	Meets Licensing Requirements	Provider is enrolled in training for a DCF Staff Credential*	Provider has a DCF Staff Credential* or higher	Provider has a national CDA or at least 9 college credits in ECE
Meets Licensing Requirements	Provider has completed 15 hours total annual in-service training	Provider has completed 20 hours total annual in-service training	Provider has completed 25 hours total annual in-service training	Provider has completed 30 hours total annual in-service training

\* DCF Staff Credential requirement includes the Birth-Five and School-Age Florida Child Care Professional Credentials (FCCPC)—formerly the FL CDA-Equivalent, the DOE Early Childhood and School-Age Professional Certificates (ECPC or SAPC) or the Child Care Apprenticeship Certificate (CCAC), national CDA or equivalent national early childhood credential, Associate degree or higher in ECE or related field, Associate degree or higher out of field with 6 credits in ECE plus 480 hrs experience. See the website of the Department of Children and Families-DCF child care training: [www.myflorida.com/childcare/training](http://www.myflorida.com/childcare/training)

## Program Administration (All of the previous levels required)

1	2	3	4	5
- Provider maintains children's records. - Discipline policy is given to parents. - Risk management plan is in place.	- Provider-Parent agreement is in place. - Accurate financial record-keeping system. - Provider is member of professional organization.	- Families have an opportunity to evaluate the provider annually. - Annual business plan and budget are written.	- Family handbook includes: philosophy, schedule, payment policies, nutrition and medication policies, and emergency procedures.	- Provider maintains up-to-date portfolio including program information, trainings completed and letters of recommendation.

## Calculating the Star Rating

For each component, a score from 1 to 5 is compiled. This component score is multiplied by the weight to achieve total points for each component. Points are then summed, and the total point score is placed on a pre-determined range to identify the program's overall Star quality rating.

	Component	Maximum Points & Weight	Recognition and Extra Points Overall
1	Learning Environment (Environment Rating Scale) FCCERS-R.	5 X 4 = 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs holding current Gold Seal designation earn a "plus" on the Star rating</li> <li>• 2 bonus points are awarded for the provider holding a Bachelor's Degree or higher with 18 credits in ECE working full time in the program.</li> </ul>
2	Provider Qualifications	5	
3	Program Administration	5	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Point range per Star level

Star 1	Star 2	Star 3	Star 4	Star 5
2-7 points	8-14 points	15-20 points	21-26 points	27-30 points