








Quality Rating



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This program was rated in 2017 on the following:

 CHILD OBSERVATION	HIGHEST QUALITY: Evaluates children’s learning and development, holds parent conferences, and uses a state-approved tool to help children learn. Results are entered into a software program
 HEALTH & CHILD DEVELOPMENT	HIGHEST QUALITY: Uses a form recommended by pediatricians to check children’s physical, social and emotional development, in addition to annual hearing and vision tests
 TEACHER TRAINING & EDUCATION	Highest Quality: A bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and development and completes 21 hours of professional development annually
 POSITIVE TEACHER – CHILD INTERACTION	Exceeding Quality: Scores high on providing: Emotional support; An organized classroom; Consistent schedules and routines; Interactions that build vocabulary, critical thinking skills and curiosity; Lessons that include children’s experiences and ideas
 ENVIRONMENT	Highest Quality: Scores higher on providing: A safe, clean, and enriching environment; Good health practices; A variety of activities, materials, and play areas right for a child’s age
 TEACHER-CHILD RATIO	Exceeding Quality: 3 teachers for every 12 infants; 2 teachers for every 10 toddlers; 3 teachers for every 24 preschoolers or 2 teachers for every 20 preschoolers
 DIRECTOR TRAINING & EDUCATION	Exceeding Quality: A bachelor’s degree with 24 college units in early childhood education and development, 6 units of preschool management/administration, 2 units of supervision, and completes 21 hours of professional development annually