



# What is Quality Rated Child Care?

Quality Rated is an initiative of Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning.



Parents and families need an independent, trustworthy resource to help them find high-quality child care, preschool and pre-K programs. Georgia's Quality Rated tool helps families find child care in their area that have been evaluated by credentialed early childhood experts and identified as high-quality.

A quality child care, preschool or pre-K program provides children with a nurturing and educational environment to help them learn and develop their social skills so they have a strong foundation as they grow. Quality Rated enables parents and families to easily find those quality care options for their children. They can rest assured that the program they are considering has been assessed by the State of Georgia and is committed to providing children an environment and experience that is best for their development.

Parents and families can search for child care options online and find the best program in their area that meets their needs. Through the Quality Rated tool's child care search function, they have access to specific information on each program, such as:

- safety and inspection reports;
- teacher credentials;
- hours of operation; and
- transportation options, among many other details.

## Star Ratings

Quality Rated's one, two, or three star ratings allow families to easily identify high-quality child care and early education programs that are caring for and educating children based on what research has shown to work. Regardless of their star rating, all Quality Rated programs are meeting or exceeding a high set of standards.



Parents and families who use Quality Rated can have peace of mind knowing they have a tool to identify high-quality programs, so that when they search for child care, they can focus on the details that matter most to their family. Learn more at [www.QualityRated.org](http://www.QualityRated.org).