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GPB Media Films at two Quality Rated Family Learning Homes



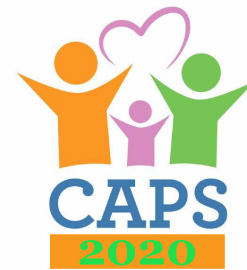
Gleydis Estrada smiles during an interview with Georgia Public Broadcasting Media at her family learning home in Lawrenceville.

We're Spotlighting Quality Rated Family Providers'

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's Quality Rated program recently partnered with The Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) and Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) Media to film at two Quality Rated family child care learning homes.

Through this partnership, GPB Media and GOSA's team interviewed two family child care learning home providers and filmed footage at their child care programs. Each of the providers spoke about their Quality Rated experience as a family child learning home provider and discussed their passion for the child care industry.

Quality Rated and CAPS 2020



In December 2016, the DECAL Advisory Committee adopted the following: Quality Rated eligible providers must be star rated by 12/31/2020 in order to continue to receive Child Care and Parent Services (CAPS) funding.

Quality Rated Bonus Package Deadline

Quality Rated Bonus Packages will not be awarded after December 31, 2020.

To be eligible for a bonus package, programs must meet all of the following guidelines:

1. Participate in Quality Rated by 6/30/18



GPB Media's team prepares family learning home provider DiAnne Coggins for her interview.

Filming took place in Lawrenceville with Gleydis Estrada and with DiAnne Coggins in College Park. Estrada and Coggins both talked about their program's demographics, their classroom setup and the impacts of being a Quality Rated family child care learning home.

The footage will be used for GOSA's Word2Reading campaign. DECAL will also use some of the videos to spotlight Quality Rated family child care learning homes.

From the Review Desk: Quality Tips Standard 2



To support your quality improvement efforts and to help your program achieve the highest star rating possible, we will, from time to time, offer helpful tips. We will further clarify or provide additional information on the five standards, that may help you in forming your responses, or in selecting the evidence you will upload.

Quality Tips Standard 2: Child Health, Nutrition, and Physical Activity

2.1 Nutrition and Physical Assessment and Improvement Plan

- First, you must complete the Child Nutrition and Physical Activity Assessment in its entirety.

2. Receive a one, two, or three star rating by 12/31/2020
3. Have received less than three bonus packages

Quality Rated Peer Support Network



Are you interested in the Peer Support Network?

The Peer Support Network (PSN) was created by child care providers to share ideas, success stories and lessons learned during the Quality Rated experience.

The PSN is open to all programs who are interested in earning or increasing their Quality Rated star rating. Topics of discussion are guided by the interests and needs of the participants.

PSN Meetings are open to program owners, directors, and administrators.

Participants receive Bright from the Start ADM training hours.

Meetings are held in over 20 locations statewide.

To learn more about the Peer Support Network, email qualityratedpsn@dec.al.ga.gov.

Quick Links

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- There are 33 indicators for the Nutrition section and 22 for the Physical Activity section.
- Remember, this is not a test; your commitment as a Quality Rated program is always for continuous improvement. The assessment simply allows you to look at what areas you do well in and determine those areas where you might choose to focus on improvement.
- The system will compile the results of your assessment and point out areas where your program can make improvements. If for example, under Physical Activity, you do not currently have a plan for "Staff and Family Physical Activity Training," you may want to choose that area as a focus and priority for the coming year.
- Those areas you chose to focus on will form your Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan." There is no limit to the number of goals you may set, however, you want to choose wisely. The first rule of goal - setting is to choose goals that are achievable, or that you can realistically reach and/or meet.
- Remember, the key is improvement; you may choose from areas where you indicated "we have no written plan, rarely or never, or sometimes." However, even in areas where you are doing well, there may be room for improvement.
- To receive the maximum points (six) for this indicator, Standard 2. 1, you must list at least three goals for the Nutrition domain and another three goals for the Physical Activity domain.

2.2 First Aid/CPR Certification

- Childcare Services rules require that all program staff have current First Aid and CPR certification as a part of general health and safety. In Standard 2, the number of staff that have current certification is pulled from the Georgia Professional Development System (GaPDS). Based on this information, a percentage is calculated. The percentage of staff with current First Aid/CPR certification determines the number of points earned. As we discussed in tips for Standard 1, make sure all staff are "Active" in the PDS, and that they have submitted both of their certifications. Staff without current certifications count against you and may reduce your points earned.

Note: Look for Quality Tips on Standard 2.3 in next month's article.

Please feel free to contact the Quality Rated Help Desk at 855-800-7747 or at qualityrated@decalfga.gov should you need assistance.

Quality Rated YouTube

Update Your Profile on DECAL KOALA



Update Your DECAL KOALA Profile

Over 20,000 people shop for child care and summer camps on DECAL's website every month.

Did you know Quality Rated child care programs can add pictures and additional information to their DECAL KOALA profiles that families see when they search for child care on DECAL's website?

You can add this information to your program's profile today. [Click here](#) to watch our webinar on how to update your profile.

**Congratulations to the following
Quality Rated Child Care Programs**

CONGRATS

TO THE NEWEST
#QUALITYRATED PROGRAMS

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| YMCA After School @ College Park Elementary / College Park | ★ ★ ★ |
| CJ's Learning Academy II / Savannah | ★ ★ ★ |
| Quitman County Early Childhood Development & Education Center / Georgetown | ★ ★ ★ |
| The Sunshine House #51 / Woodstock | ★ ★ ★ |
| Larry Wynette P / Montezuma | ★ ★ ★ |
| Easter Seals Head Start Barrow County / Winder | ★ ★ ★ |
| Highland Kids Academy (Afterschool) / Columbus | ★ ★ ★ |
| Early Beginners Learning Center / Thomson | ★ ★ ★ |
| Sunbrook Academy at Stonebridge/ Bremen | ★ ★ ★ |
| Forsyth County Head Start / Cumming | ★ ★ ★ |
| YMCA Prime Time @ W.G Nunn Elementary / Valdosta | ★ ★ ★ |
| Kid's Academy of Baxley LLC / Baxley | ★ ★ ★ |
| Gingerbread House Child Care Center / Ringgold | ★ ★ ★ |
| Kidz Biz Child Care Center/ Augusta | ★ ★ ★ |
| Cross Roads Christian School of Paulding / Dallas | ★ ★ ★ |
| Storyland Child Care / Marietta | ★ ★ ★ |
| Monroe County / Forsyth | ★ ★ ★ |
| Y After School at West Roswell / Roswell | ★ ★ ★ |
| Winnford Academy / Flowery Branch | ★ ★ ★ |
| Pryor Ruth L / East Point | ★ ★ ★ |
| Beyond the Books Academy / Smyrna | ★ ★ ★ |
| Prime Time - Northwood / Roswell | ★ ★ ★ |
| R L Mack Head Start / Tifton | ★ ★ ★ |



CONGRATS

TO THE #QUALITYRATED PROGRAMS
WHO'VE INCREASED THEIR STAR RATING!

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| ★ Alpha Preparatory Academy II / Norcross | 1 TO 2 STARS |
| ★ Wadley Head Start / Wadley | 2 TO 3 STARS |
| ★ Polk Head Start/ Cedartown | 1 TO 2 STARS |
| ★ St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-School / Savannah | 2 TO 3 STARS |
| ★ B.W. Lester Head Start Center/ Valdosta | 2 TO 3 STARS |
| ★ Imagination Station #1/ Columbus | 1 TO 2 STARS |
| ★ Lanier County Head Start / Lakeland | 2 TO 3 STARS |
| ★ ATL Tech College Early Education Center / Atlanta | 1 TO 3 STARS |
| ★ Lowndes I Head Start Center / Valdosta | 1 TO 2 STARS |

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