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**Thankful for Georgia's Quality Rated Programs**



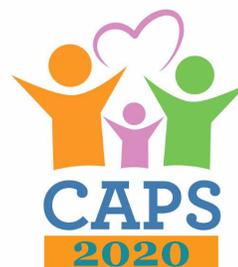
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In this season of giving thanks, we just want to pause and say how thankful we are for all the programs participating in Quality Rated. The positive impacts of quality child care in the lives of children and families has been researched and proven. There is no question that quality child care makes a huge difference for our children. We also know without a doubt that those progressive outcomes are only possible because of the work each of you do every day.

Because of the work you do...

- Children are gaining knowledge and skills to equip them to do well in school and life.
- Children are receiving developmentally appropriate and individualized teaching each day.
- Children are fed nutritious meals on a consistent basis.
- Children are learning and flourishing in supportive, nurturing environments where they feel cared for and safe.

**CAPS 2020 and Quality Rated**



**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:

- Children are experiencing a diverse range of active, hands on learning experiences to support healthy development of the whole child.
- Children receiving child care subsidies are gaining access to more high quality child care programs.
- Families are finding support and guidance to know how to encourage their children's healthy development and learning.
- Families are able to confidently focus on work and supporting their family, secure in the knowledge their children are safe, healthy, and thriving in child care.

1. Participate in Quality Rated by 6/30/18
2. Receive a one, two, or three star rating by 12/31/2020
3. Have received less than three bonus packages

## Quick Links

[Quality Rated Website](#)

[Quality Rated Program Manual](#)

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[Environment Rating Scales Institute](#)

[Quality Rated Facebook](#)

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[Quality Rated Instagram](#)

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For all these reasons and many more, we appreciate each and every one of you. The work you do is valuable and effective.

As William A. Foster once said, "Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution."

We appreciate your commitment to making intentional choices every day to improve and sustain your quality. Thank you for your dedication to Georgia's children and families!

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## Key Concepts in the ECERS-3: Daily Access and Schedule



### Daily Access and Schedule

*In the ECERS-3 scale, programs are challenged to consider a wide range of topics that facilitate positive relationships and learning for preschoolers. For the next few months, we'll feature key concepts in the ECERS-3 scale.*

**"Accessible"** means that children can reach and use the equipment or materials. Generally, the materials or equipment must be accessible for 25 minutes during the 3-hour observation at the minimal level and 1 hour for higher levels of quality. This is pro-rated for programs operating less than 3 hours.

Time counted toward materials being accessible will only be credited when all children have reasonable access and are not compelled to be doing something else.

If children are required to participate in teacher led group activities, these times will not be included in the time count for accessible to other materials, even if these smaller groups occur during free play/center time.

Additionally, if a program uses sedentary materials outside or in indoor gross motor areas, access to these materials will not be included in the time count for accessibility of said materials unless there is time to access them in addition to the minimum time requirements needed for vigorous active play (15 minutes).

Considerations for access should inform creation of the daily schedule. Only activities observed during the live 3-hour observation will be considered in scoring.

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

**Congratulations to the newest QUALITY RATED child care programs!**

Mt. Zion Childcare and Learning Center, Jonesboro ★	★ Abby's Learning Center, Dublin
Learning Expectations and Academic Performance Academy, Atlanta ★	★★ Nancy L. Simmons, Decatur
Toddler University, Marietta ★★	★★★ Tammy M. Davis, Riverdale
Akers Academy (Alpharetta), Alpharetta ★★	★ A-1 Supreme Academy, Riverdale
KinderCare Learning Center #1175, Duluth ★★	★ Once Upon a Time Academy & Daycare, Stockbridge
Roswell A.S.A.P., Roswell ★★	★★ Tammy J. Geter, Lithonia
Valerie N. West, Snellville ★★	★★ A Brighter Choice Early Learning Center, Inc., Fort Valley
Best Buddies Daycare & Preschool, Inc., Albany ★★	★★ Love's Childcare Services, Inc., Statesboro
Lillie's Lil Lamb Daycare and Learning Center III, McDonough ★★	★ Kids Time Learning Academy #2, Atlanta
Allison's Learning Center, Swainsboro ★	★ Chapel Christian Academy, Lyons
Lisa A. Welch, Adel ★★	★★ Sugar & Spice Child Care, Statesboro
Angel's Childcare & Enrichment Center I, Savannah ★★	★★ K.C.'s 24 Hr. Child Care Center, Covington
Annette Cuyler, Savannah ★	★★ Cornerstone Academy 2, Martinez
Bright Star @ Old Griffin Road, McDonough ★	★★ Mary C. Grant, Savannah
	★ Glennville Christian Academy Daycare Center, Glennville

**Congratulations to all of our QUALITY RATED child care programs who've increased their star rating in October!**

- ★★ Buford Head Start/Pre-K, Buford (1 to 2 stars)
- ★★ Avila R. Alba, Duluth (1 to 2 stars)
- ★★ Kerri L. Cason, Lavonia (1 to 2 stars)
- ★★★ Christ Chapel Learning Center, Zebulon (1 to 3 stars)

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