

Preschool Quality Indicators



Safe & Healthy Program Practices

High-quality programs ensure the health and safety of children.



Education, Training and Support

Well-prepared educators provide engaging interactions and classroom environments that support learning.



Comprehensive Early Learning Standards and Curricula

High-quality programs have curricula that are based on comprehensive early learning standards, address the whole child, are developmentally appropriate and are effectively implemented.



Group Sizes and Ratios

Fewer students in a classroom and more staff facilitates high-quality interactions between teachers and children.



Classroom Environment and Interactions

Programs use developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate and effective teaching approaches that enhance each child's learning and development in the context of the curriculum goals. Programs promote positive relationships among all children and adults.



Support for Diverse Learners

High-quality early learning programs meet the needs of all students, including English language learners and students with special needs.



Assessment of Child Progress

Programs are informed by ongoing systematic, formal and informal assessment approaches to provide information on children's learning and development.



Comprehensive Program Assessments

High-quality early childhood systems evaluate program quality in terms of both structure and classroom interactions.



Family Engagement

High-quality programs engage families in meaningful ways.



Community Relationships

Preschoolers and their families are strengthened when programs help link them to needed community supports.