

STEP 3 ★



for Child Care Centers



STANDARD	REQUIREMENTS
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors are trained and use IRIS. • Items from the Nutrition and Active Physical Play Checklist are observed in practice. • Items from the Thinking Active Physical Play Checklist are observed in practice. • Each classroom completes a Vision and Action Plan for Food and Nutrition annually. • Each classroom completes a Vision and Action Plan for Active Physical Play annually. • The center completes a Vision and Action Plan for Food and Nutrition and Active Physical Play annually.
Staffing and Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers complete Essential Training 3 or have a minimum of a current CDA, or 12 ECE credits. • Directors have a high school diploma or GED. • Directors complete Essential Training 3, a minimum of a current CDA, 12 ECE credits or an approved Director's Credential. • Directors complete 15 additional hours of business management training.
Child Growth, Development and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERS assessment meets minimum overall and interaction scores. • Guidance policy reflects positive responsive practice. • Program formally documents each child's progress.
Children with Diverse Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion statement is included in the program's policy and procedures. • Staff agrees to practice confidentiality as outlined in the program's policy and procedures.
Strengthening Families and Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A communication system provides regular opportunities for connecting parents and staff. • Social and educational events and opportunities to volunteer are provided for families.
Leadership and Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directors complete the Program Administration Scale Self-assessment annually.

Programs verified at Step 3 must meet the indicators in this current step, and all previous steps (1 and 2).