

STEP 5



for Child Care Centers

| STANDARD | REQUIREMENTS |
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| Health and Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All classrooms meet NAEYC guidelines for group size and ratio.• A Child Care Health Consultant visits once a year.• Health information from a recognized health organization is available for parents.• Program hosts one health and safety class for children, parents and/or staff annually. |
| Staffing and Professional Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers have a minimum of a current CDA, or 12 ECE credits.• Directors complete 15 additional hours of business management training. |
| Child Growth, Development and Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy and numeracy activities are incorporated into daily activity plans.• Weekly documentation of each child's progress in daily routines is on file.• A Child Growth, Development and Learning Action Plan is completed in each classroom annually. |
| Children with Diverse Abilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Inclusion Plans are completed with families for children with diverse abilities in each classroom annually. |
| Strengthening Families and Communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families have opportunities to participate in program development.• Two parent teacher conferences are offered during the year.• Protective Factors are referenced in strategic planning, program evaluation, and staff/parent engagement. |
| Leadership and Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No requirement for Step 5. |

Programs verified at Step 5 must meet the indicators in this current step, and all previous steps (1, 2, 3, and 4).