

Seven Elements of Quality

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A clean, safe environment where teachers often check in with parents

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Keystone STARS rating of 3 or 4



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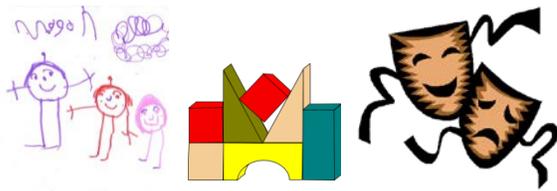
Teachers have specialized training in early childhood education and skills to help your child succeed

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A curriculum that is play-based and looks towards kindergarten and beyond!



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A variety of materials and lessons that fit your child's age and development

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Low adult-child ratios (ex: 1 teacher for 4 infants; 1 for every 8.5 four-year-olds) and small group sizes



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Children get warm, nurturing, individual attention.

When You Visit a Child Care Program, Ask Questions

Q: What is your Keystone STARS rating?

A: “We are a STAR 3 or 4 program.” STARS 3 and 4 level programs are the most highly rated. They are best at preparing your child to succeed in school.

Q: How do I know my child will be safe here?

A: You know best, but the answer should include: “Our program meets City and State regulations. Staff are trained in CPR, first aid, and in preventing, recognizing, and reporting child abuse. We follow regulations on handwashing, diapering, and preparing food and have locked away any hazardous materials. We also have a posted emergency plan.”

Q: What will my child learn this year?

A: “It depends on their age! Our curriculum is based on Pennsylvania’s early learning standards.”

Q: What training does your staff have?

A: “All our lead teachers have at least an Associates’ degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field.” A four-year degree is even more training.

Q: What kind of parent involvement do you have?

A: “We check in with parents regularly about their children’s progress.”

Q: When can I visit?

A: “You can visit your child any time you want.”