



Center or Preschool Level 4

Instructions for Completion

The forms referenced in this document are suggested, however, the content found on the forms is required. Forms can be found at <https://iowaccrr.org/providers/iq4k/>.

Nutrition and Physical Activity

Criteria	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. The program (choose ONE): a. Participates in CACFP, NSLP or another departmental-approved Child Nutrition Program (CNP) and identifies and implements one nutrition goal from the completed action plan in Level 1. OR b. If exempt from CACFP, the program identifies and implements one additional nutrition goal from the completed action plan in Level 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> CACFP, NSLP, CNP claim or approved exemption letter can be uploaded into the IQ4K application <input type="checkbox"/> If a program is exempt, connect with local consultant or IQ4K Specialist for additional form to complete and upload <input type="checkbox"/> Claim must be dated within 90 days of submission to Iowa Health and Human Services (HHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Suggested form for nutrition goal – Nutrition & Physical Activity Action Plan and Goals <input type="checkbox"/> Suggested goal form will need to be uploaded into the IQ4K application
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. The program identifies and implements one additional physical activity goal from the completed action plan in Level 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suggested form for physical activity goal – Nutrition & Physical Activity Action Plan and Goals <input type="checkbox"/> Suggested goal form will need to be uploaded into the IQ4K application

Professional Development

Criteria	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. All Teaching Staff complete 12 annual training hours of professional development.	<input type="checkbox"/> Program will select the correct staff from a drop-down menu in the IQ4K application <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of training will be verified in i-PoWeR <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the program and staff i-PoWeR accounts are current by following videos found on the i-PoWeR Center Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Sixty percent (60%) or more of the Lead Teachers complete the applicable Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (EC-PBIS) training: a. EC-PBIS Preschool Modules 1 & 2 b. EC-PBIS Infant/Toddler Modules 1 & 2	<input type="checkbox"/> EC-PBIS completion will be verified through i-PoWeR. <input type="checkbox"/> Program will select the correct staff from a drop-down menu in the IQ4K application <input type="checkbox"/> At a minimum, one lead per applicable age group must meet the criteria <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of training will pull from i-PoWeR <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the program and staff i-PoWeR accounts are current by following videos found on the i-PoWeR

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	Center Checklist
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Leadership and Administration

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<input type="checkbox"/> 5. The Program Administrator meets Tier 1 (CDA with 120 EC training hours AND 10 training hours in leadership, administration or management) or higher on the Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/> The appropriate documentation can be uploaded and verified through i-PoWeR <input type="checkbox"/> Program Administrator Pathway
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. The Program Administrator has at least two years of full-time experience as a Program Administrator.	<input type="checkbox"/> The experience will be verified from the employment history of the staff i-PoWeR account <input type="checkbox"/> Unverified experience will not count

Family and Community Partnerships

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<input type="checkbox"/> 7. The program completes one additional activity annually that promotes partnerships (see Family and Community Partnership Activity Options).	<input type="checkbox"/> Family and Community Partnership Activity Options <input type="checkbox"/> Suggested form – Activity Summary <input type="checkbox"/> Information can be typed into the text box or the suggested form and supporting documents can be uploaded into the IQ4K application <input type="checkbox"/> Encouraged to utilize Activity Summary Guidance to support reflection

Environment

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<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Sixty percent (60%) or more of the Lead Teachers complete the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to the age group served (choose between ITERS, ECERS or SACERS, if applicable) and provides a certificate of completion. A minimum of one lead teacher per scale, if applicable.	<input type="checkbox"/> The ERS Certificate of Complete from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISU-EO) to be uploaded into i-PoWeR under “credentials” and verified by an IQ4K Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Program will select the correct staff from the drop-down menu in the IQ4K application <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure the program and staff i-PoWeR accounts are current by following videos found on the i-PoWeR Center Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. 1/3 of classrooms complete the ERS scoresheet (with self-assessment) and improvement plan using the appropriate scale (a minimum of one classroom per scale, if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/> The appropriate scoresheet and improvement plan will be uploaded into the IQ4K application – this need to be dated within six months from the time of application being submitted to HHS
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. The program scores an average of 2.5 or higher on the Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Health & Safety Checklist <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your local CCNC for completion of this checklist <input type="checkbox"/> This checklist is completed BY the CCNC <input type="checkbox"/> Upload just the one-page signed signature form into the IQ4K application – must be signed by program

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	administrator, director or owner and must be dated within two years of the time of application being submitted to HHS
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Teaching Staff Qualifications

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<input type="checkbox"/> 11. The average score for all Teaching Staff is four points on the IQ4K Teaching Staff Qualifications worksheet.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suggested form - Program completes the Teaching Staff Qualifications worksheet for all lead teachers to confirm average score <input type="checkbox"/> Staff upload applicable documentation (i.e. education, training, etc.) into i-PoWeR to be verified

Teaching and Learning

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<input type="checkbox"/> 12. The Teaching Staff use assessment data and information gathered about children and families to make changes in their learning environment and activities.	<input type="checkbox"/> Type or upload at least two ways you have done this in your program and describe how it has impacted children/families <input type="checkbox"/> Suggested to use the bottom of the – Assessment Tool form
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. The Teaching Staff participate in planning with families and/or outside experts, as needed, for children with diverse needs, including those with identified disabilities, dual language learners, identified behavioral needs, and/or specialized health needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Type or upload written procedure and give two examples. <input type="checkbox"/> If the program doesn't currently have these needs, explain what they would do.

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