



Center or Preschool Level 4

Prior Level Requirements

- The program meets all Level 1 requirements
- The program meets all Level 2 requirements
- The program meets all Level 3 requirements

Nutrition and Physical Activity

- The program (**choose ONE**):
 - a. Participates in CACFP, NSLP or another departmental approved 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.
- The program identifies and implements one additional physical activity goal from completed action plan in Level 1.

Professional Development

- All **Teaching Staff** complete 12 annual training hours of professional development.
- 60% or more of all **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

Leadership and Administration

- The **Program Administrator** meets Tier 1 or higher on the Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway.
- The **Program Administrator** has at least 2 years of full-time experience as a Program Administrator.

Family and Community Partnerships

- The program completes one additional activity annually that promote partnerships (see Family and Community Partnership Activity Options).

Environment

- 60% or more of Lead Teachers complete the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to the age group served (choose between ITERS, ECERS, or SACERS, if applicable) (a minimum of 1 classroom per scale, if applicable) and provides a certificate of completion.
- 1/3 of classrooms complete the ERS scoresheet and improvement plan using appropriate scale (a minimum of 1 classroom per scale, if applicable).
- The program scores an average of 2.5 or higher on the Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs.

Teaching Staff Qualifications

- The average score for all **Teaching Staff** is 4 points on the IQ4K Teaching Staff Qualifications Worksheet.

Teaching and Learning

- The teaching staff use assessment data and information gathered about children and families to make changes in their learning environment and activities.
- 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.