



Center or Preschool Level 5

Prior Level Requirements

- The program meets all Level 1 requirements
- The program meets all Level 2 requirements
- The program meets all Level 3 requirements
- The program meets all Level 4 requirements

Nutrition and Physical Activity

- The program (**choose ONE**):
 - a. Participates in CACFP, NSLP or another departmental approved CNP **AND** identifies and implements one additional 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** and the **internal coach** complete applicable Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (EC-PBIS) training (**Choose ONE**):
 - a. EC-PBIS Preschool Modules 3a and 3b
 - b. EC-PBIS Infant/Toddlers Module 3
 - c. Prevent Teach Reinforce for Young Children (PTR-YC)

Leadership and Administration

- The **Program Administrator** meets Tier 2 or higher on the Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway.
- The **Program Administrator** has at least 3 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

- 80% 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 receive an overall score of 5 or higher on the ERS assessment (a minimum of 1 classroom per scale, if applicable).
- The program scores an average of 2.75 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 8 points on the IQ4K Teaching Staff Qualifications Worksheet.

Teaching and Learning

- The teaching staff work with families and other experts to implement instructional and/or environmental adaptations that support the learning for each child, including those with diverse needs, identified disabilities, dual language learners, identified behavioral health needs, and/or specialized health needs.
- The Leadership Team completes Program Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PW PBIS) training. The Leadership Team must include an administrator, internal coach and teacher.