



Building quality environments one block at a time

Start today!

Quality Rating

Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's new Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). Programs participating in IQ4K are committed to the highest standards and are actively working to provide the best care possible.

What is New

- Online system, using evidence-based practices, that streamlines the application process and supports continuous quality improvement across all levels of programming.
- Uploaded data is saved and programs are able to continually work towards their next level of quality throughout their current rating period.
- Programs already meeting enhanced standards through alternative DHS-approved entities have their own specialized tracks that provide credit for the quality work they are already doing.
- School-age ONLY programs have their own application, focused on increasing quality of school-aged care.
- Two dedicated IQ4K Specialists in each of the five CCR&R Regions to assist programs through the application process.
- Increased achievement bonuses awarded to programs upon achievement of an IQ4K Level.

What is the Same

- Participation in IQ4K is voluntary.
- IQ4K eligible facilities include: licensed child care centers, preschools, programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or non-public school and registered Child Development Homes.
- Programs can achieve up to five levels of quality.
- Increased reimbursement rates for programs accepting children on Child Care Assistance (CCA).
- CCR&R provides consultation and targeted technical assistance (TA), free of charge, to eligible programs.
- IQ4K applications are submitted to DHS, through a program's regional CCR&R office.



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