



IOWA QUALITY FOR KIDS

Building quality environments one block at a time



Give your Joeys the best care!

# Parent Guide

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

A Program that participates in IQ4K® uses enhanced best practices in health, safety and nutrition.

Implements individualized developmental screening, lesson planning and the Iowa Early Learning Standards.

## INTERACTIONS AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

## STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Includes higher standards for Program Administrators and all teaching staff to support and increase quality programming.

Researched-based training is mandated across all levels of IQ4K to assist providers in educating and supporting all children in their programs.

## TRAINING

## ENVIRONMENT

Creates and provides learning spaces that are welcoming, interactive, diverse and inclusive to everyone.

For more information on why quality child care matters, visit:

[www.iowaccrr.org/families](http://www.iowaccrr.org/families)



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Programs that participate in Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) show dedication to improving the quality of early care and education they provide.



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5

You will know what level each provider has achieved by the number of building blocks attached to their program.



*Programs can reach up to five levels, allowing for continuous quality improvement across multiple areas of programming.*

To view the IQ4K® program requirements, visit:

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