

Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Optional Re-Assessment Pilot Program

Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISU) are partnering to offer a new, FREE pilot program from July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024, when programs did not receive at least 5.0 on the initial Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Assessment(s).

Purpose

The purpose is to allow programs that were close to receiving a 5.0 on the ERS Assessment(s) to retry for the level 5 IQ4K rating.

Eligibility Requirements

- IQ4K Level 5 eligible programs that do not receive a 5.0 on each observed classroom on the initial assessment can request a re-assessment.
- **Center-based programs** that received an average ERS assessment score of 5.0 on at least 50% of the classroom assessments, AND all other observed classrooms received an average ERS assessment score of 4.6-4.9.
- **Family Child Care Homes** that received an average FCCERS-3 assessment score of 4.6-4.9

Process

- Program is notified they did not earn IQ4K Level 5 rating due to ERS Assessment score of less than 5.0 on one or more classrooms.
- If eligible (see eligibility requirements), program is provided the option to request a re-assessment.
- Program must contact ers@iastate.edu to request a re-assessment within 10 business days of the emailed date of their Level 5 ERS assessment feedback reports. ERS Assessment team verifies program eligibility.
- Re-assessment is scheduled within 60 days.
- Same Level 5 ERS assessment process followed
 - Random selection of center-based classrooms.
 - Observe at least 1/3 of the operating classrooms/sessions with at least one from each age group requiring a specific scale (ECERS, ITERS, SACERS). Note: This means, different classrooms may be selected from the previous Level 5 ERS observation selection.
 - ERS re-assessment feedback report(s) emailed to program within 30 days.
- Only one re-assessment offered per IQ4K application period.
- Each classroom/session observed, must receive at least a 5.0 on the re-assessments to earn an IQ4K Level 5. Scores on initial ERS Assessment(s) will not be considered.
- IQ4K rating awarded after completions of re-assessments.



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