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.