











## 5 Stars

(Out of 5)

## CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLARY QUALITY

The five star level is the highest awarded in the Quality Improvement System.

The Center is recognized for providing consistently exemplary quality that far exceeds state licensing standards.

- \* The center demonstrates exceptional practice across all of the assessment areas and offers exemplary provisions for interactions and early care and education experiences.
- ★ A five star program is recognized for its dedicated commitment to providing high quality early child care and continuing improvement.
- \* A provider participating in the Look for the Stars program:
  - ★ Understands that learning begins at birth.
  - ★ Offers a safe and nurturing environment that encourages children to have fun, hands-on learning experiences.
  - \* Fully integrates a developmentally appropriate curriculum across all learning domains.
  - \* Maintains strong parent involvement with regular family activities and parent conferences.
  - ★ Uses on-going child observation and assessment to individualize learning experiences.
  - ★ Meets state legislated mandates for early care and education.
  - Supports and promotes policies designed for quality improvement.
  - ★ Demonstrates a commitment to continued teacher training and professional development.
  - ★ Engages in ongoing program assessment and improvement efforts.



