



Thank you for being a part of a national movement to advance quality in early learning!

Capital Quality - DC's Quality Rating and Improvement System

Capital Quality measures the quality of early care and education programs in licensed child development facilities and supports providers to continuously improve quality. Information about the quality of each early care and education program is also shared with families of young children in Washington, DC.

Capital Quality measures your program in areas that are known to make a difference in early learning quality, including the environment, program structure and teacher-child interactions. Programs are assessed using the evidence-based Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R), Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R) and/or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS).

Quality facilitators help your facility understand and prepare for these observations.

Commitment to continuous quality improvement

After you receive your observation results and Capital Quality designation, your quality facilitator will work with you to create a continuous quality improvement plan (CQIP) and offer coaching and professional development opportunities to meet your goals. The CQIP includes the following set of quality standards.

- Mission statement
- Family engagement promotes positive and goal-oriented relationships
- Formal and informal assessments are aligned to curriculum
- Formal and informal assessments are implemented
- Curriculum implemented to align to DC Common Core Early Learning Standards
- Data used to inform instructional and professional practices
- Culturally and linguistically responsive practices are implemented
- Inclusion practices are implemented
- Early care and education professionals meaningfully engage in professional development
- Developmental screenings are implemented

You are making a difference for our youngest learners. We value your commitment to DC's children, and we want to support you to provide the highest quality care and education possible.

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