



How Capital Quality Works

Your guide to DC's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), Capital Quality.

Capital Quality **evaluates**, **improves** and **communicates** the level of quality in early care and education programs in the District of Columbia.



EVALUATES

Capital Quality Designations

Capital Quality designations are based on evidence of how well early care and education programs provide age-appropriate activities and warm, supportive interactions with early care and education professionals.

The Capital Quality designations are:

- Preliminary
- High-Quality
- Quality
- Progressing
- Developing

You can find a definition of each Capital Quality designation at mychildcaredc.org.



IMPROVES

Quality Facilitation

A quality facilitator helps center directors and home providers develop a continuous quality improvement plan to support them in improving the quality of their programs.

Capital Quality participants receive coaching, professional development, training, incentives and resources to help them achieve their goals.



COMMUNICATES

My Child Care DC

The program's Capital Quality designation and profile is posted on My Child Care DC, mychildcaredc.org, where families can learn about and compare programs.

My Child Care DC shares information on licensed child development facilities:

- Capital Quality designations
- Hours of operations
- Results of licensing visits
- Accreditation status (if applicable)

What Quality Looks Like

Capital Quality helps raise the quality of early care and education programs. Although all licensed child development facilities ensure children's health and safety, high-quality programs:

- Show considerable evidence that the program provides a nurturing environment with supportive interactions (e.g., responsive scheduling and warm and positive interactions with children)
- Promote children's physical, social-emotional and cognitive development (e.g., promoting children's language development)

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