Tier	Program	General Requirements	Staffing	Accreditation	Required Staff Training Hours	Required Parent Engagement
Bronze	Center	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children. There must be evidence of curriculum implementation.	All program staff must be qualified as Directors, teachers, teacher assistants or classroom aides per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	NA	All staff including Director must complete 18 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	All programs will provide documented evidence of Parent Engagement Activities by conducting (3) parent meetings and (2) parent trainings.
	Home	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children.	Family Home Provider including the substitute must be qualified per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	NA	The Family Home Provider must complete 18 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	The Family Home Provider will develop and promote positive relationships among the families to encourage and support the goals of their children.
Silver	Center	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children. There must be evidence of curriculum implementation.	All program staff must be qualified as Directors, teachers, teacher assistants or classroom aides per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	The program must be in Step 2- Application/Self- Assessment and provide written correspondence of their candidacy date from a national recognized accrediting body approved by OSSE	All staff including Director must complete 24 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	All programs will provide documented evidence of Parent Engagement Activities by conducting (4) parent meetings and (4) parent trainings.

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	Home	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children.	Family Home Provider including the substitute must be qualified per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	The Family Home Care must be in Step 2-Accreditation Application process and provide written correspondence of their candidacy date from National Association for Family Child Care.	The Family Home Provider must complete 24 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	The Family Home Provider will develop and promote positive relationships among the families to encourage and support the goals of their children.
Gold	Center	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children. There must be evidence of curriculum implementation	All program staff must be qualified as Directors, teachers, teacher assistants or classroom aides per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	Accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body approved by OSSE.	All staff including Director must complete 30 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	All programs will provide documented evidence of Parent Engagement Activities by conducting (6) parent meetings and (6) parent trainings.
	Home	The program must demonstrate a learning environment conducive for the physical, socio- emotional and cognitive development of children.	Family Home Provider including the substitute must be qualified per DCMR 29, Chapter 3.	Accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).	The Family Home provider must complete 30 hours of required training. Training must be completed by an OSSE/DEL Certified Trainer.	The Family Home Provider will develop and promote positive relationships among the families to encourage and support the goals of their children.