

GSQ Your partner in finding high quality child care

Choosing a child care or preschool program can be overwhelming but Great Start to Quality (GSQ) can help.



GSQ can help you find the right quality

and the right fit with:

- A search tool to find programs by zip code or program type
- Guidelines on what makes a quality care program
- Information about state health and safety standards
- Information about financial assistance and more

“Finding a program that has openings for infants is very challenging. Using Great Start to Quality showed me what’s available. It gave me a lot of options.”

- Amy Moore

Start your child off on the path to success

Since 90% of brain development happens by age five, finding quality child care and early education is very important. A quality learning experience can make all the difference.



www.greatstarttoquality.org



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Looking for the best child care?

For ages birth through 12
Great Start to Quality can help.



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Supporting Excellence in Early Education

“I went to the Great Start to Quality website to do some research. It’s a great resource with all the information you need. And it’s really easy to use.”

– Lagail Green



“I just like all the information that’s available for you to be able to look and research and see things about the specific facility itself.”

– Jenna Pederson

How to Find Quality Care

Finding childcare and preschool options doesn’t have to be hard. The Great Start to Quality website can help.

- Find licensed providers near your home or work
- Easily compare providers
- See how programs achieve Quality Levels
- Learn about Head Start, Early Head Start, Great Start Readiness Programs and 21st Century Community Learning Centers

Get Assistance at A GSQ Resource Center

Great Start to Quality Resource Centers are staffed with trained professionals who can help you find the best option for your family, culture and specific needs. Contact your regional Resource Center for help.

If you have questions or want support,
CALL 877.614.7328

Can I Get Help Paying For My Child’s Care?

All families want high-quality care for their children. GSQ makes it easy to see if you are eligible to receive financial support.

Go to greatstarttoquality.org/calculator to get started. Learn more about how to apply for benefits on the GSQ website.



How GSQ Evaluates Quality

High-quality care programs help children find a safe place to learn, explore their world and build relationships. GSQ supports quality through training, coaching and evaluation and uses these five indicators for quality evaluation.

- **Family and Community Partnerships:** Program works with other community partners and shares development information with families.
- **Curriculum, Instruction, and Learning Environment:** Program tracks child development and age appropriate learning.
- **Staff Qualifications:** Program has documented staff qualifications, certifications, training, personnel policies, and procedures.
- **Inclusive Practices:** Program supports family cultures, recognizes student diversity use of home language, and ensures that all children have an equal opportunity to succeed.
- **Professional Development:** Program continuously works on developing skills and knowledge around early childhood and child development.