Choosing a quality child care program is one of the most important decisions a family will make—QUALITYstarsNY is here to help.

Research shows that children who attend high quality early childhood programs do better in school and throughout life. A high quality early learning environment is vital to each child’s growth and development. And it also provides stability—supporting families in the workforce and helping local economies to grow.

QUALITYstarsNY is New York’s Quality Rating & Improvement System for regulated early childhood programs serving children birth to age five in child care centers, family child care homes, and public schools with pre-K classrooms. To help ensure success, QUALITYstarsNY assesses programs and provides individualized guidance, comprehensive resources, professional development, and materials to enhance the program’s learning environment.

QUALITYstarsNY serves more than 900 programs across New York State, representing nearly 55,000 children and their families. Best of all, QUALITYstarsNY’s model of continuous quality improvement works. Among early childhood programs rated multiple times, 70% increased their Star Rating or maintained a high quality rating of 3-5 Stars.

Families can trust that a child care program participating in QUALITYstarsNY is committed to excellence and supported with resources to create high quality experiences.
All caregivers benefit from having access to online resources with information about the quality of local early childhood programs to help them make the best choice of care for their child.

All children benefit from participating in high quality, nurturing learning environments, rooted in proven research and techniques that maximize cognitive, social and emotional development to improve school readiness.

Children Families Taxpayers, policymakers and donors benefit from a set of quality standards that guide improvement and investment, ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness and maximize limited resources.

Teachers & Providers Teachers, providers, and leaders benefit from valuable professional development and resources, customized to strengthen children’s learning outcomes.

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I would like to thank QUALITYstarsNY for helping me improve my program. The materials we received made a huge difference in the daily learning activities for the children. They also provided me and my staff with a better and more interesting way to teach.

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- Tools and tips for families choosing a quality early childhood program
- Resources to help educators enhance their program quality
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QUALITYstarsNY is expanding across New York State. A sustained, increased state investment would ensure more children and families in your community and statewide can benefit from QUALITYstarsNY’s support.