



Possible Ways for Empowerment Area Boards to support  
Providers who choose to participate in Iowa's Quality Rating System (QRS) for Child Care.



Item	Overview/Summary	Targeted Audience	Website	Contact Information
<b>Professional Development</b>				
<b>Level 2</b> requires child development home providers to be Child Net certified.				
Additional series of ChildNet  <i>*Fund additional series through CCR&amp;R</i>	This 10-module training series (25 hours) is intended for individuals wishing to start a child care business in the home or experienced home child care providers who wish to improve their program.	Home providers only	<a href="http://www.iowaccrr.org">http://www.iowaccrr.org</a>	<a href="http://www.iowaccrr.org">http://www.iowaccrr.org</a> Click on the above link, choose the appropriate R & R region, and contact the training coordinator.
Support for ChildNet (CN) certification (staff housed in CCR&R to complete CN certification visits and/or specific materials needed to meet CN certification requirements)  <i>*Fund support needed to prepare the provider for the CN visit or for staff time to conduct the visit</i>	Once a child care provider completes the ChildNet (CN) series (see above), they are eligible to take the next step and become CN certified. The home consultants housed in the CCR&R offices can assist the providers in understanding the additional requirements necessary. Child care home consultants complete on-site visits to determine if the provider meets ChildNet certification standards. Funds could be used for supporting staff time or to purchase materials to assist with improvements needed for CN certification. Ideas for materials would include such things as health & safety items, curriculum helps, business kits (or other business practices materials), toys & equipment.	Home providers only.	<a href="http://www.iowaccrr.org">http://www.iowaccrr.org</a>	<a href="http://www.iowaccrr.org">http://www.iowaccrr.org</a> Click on the above link, choose the appropriate R & R region, and locate the home consultant for your area.



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<b>Health and Safety</b>				
<p><b>Level 2</b> requires child development homes and centers to complete Business Partnership Agreements and Owner Surveys.</p> <p>Providers receive points towards <b>Levels 3-5</b> for working with a nurse consultant regarding injury prevention, child record review, and health and safety assessments.</p>				
Specific materials related to health and safety items <i>*Fund materials</i>	In order to advance within the QRS, the health & safety of the environment will be evaluated and improvements will be required, if needed.	Home providers and center providers.	Healthy Child Care Iowa <a href="http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/">http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/</a>	Sally Clausen, ARNP,BSN Analisa Pearson, RN, BSN Phone: (800) 383-3826 Fax (515) 242-6013
Nurse consultants (must meet the definition in rule) <i>*Support of positions</i>	In order to advance within the QRS, the health & safety of the environment must be evaluated by qualified nurse consultants.	Home providers and center providers.	Healthy Child Care Iowa <a href="http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/">http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/</a>	Sally Clausen, ARNP,BSN Analisa Pearson, RN, BSN Phone: (800) 383-3826 Fax (515) 242-6013
<b>Environment</b>				
Providers receive points towards <b>Levels 3-5</b> for Environment Rating Scale (ERS) training, assessments, and accreditation.				
Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training  <i>* fund additional ERS training series (ECERS, ITERS, FCCERS-R, SACERS) or technical assistance</i>  <i>* fund equipment, material and resources to meet changes identified in each child care program's QRS ERS Program Improvement Plan.</i>	As programs/providers are trained in the use of the ERS and they complete the self-assessment and improvement plan, specific materials, training or technical assistance may be needed to prepare them for an ERS assessment.	Home and center programs.	Environment Rating Scales: <a href="http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ecers/">http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ecers/</a>  Iowa State University ERS Training Project <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/childcare/QRS/">http://www.extension.iastate.edu/childcare/QRS/</a>  Registration for ERS classes contact CCR&R <a href="http://iowaccrr.org">http://iowaccrr.org</a>	Iowa State University Extension  Local and Regional ISU Extension Contacts: <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/childcare/QRS/staff_contact.pdf">http://www.extension.iastate.edu/childcare/QRS/staff_contact.pdf</a>  ISUERS Program Coordinator: Grace Aiton <a href="mailto:gaiton@iastate.edu">gaiton@iastate.edu</a>  ISU ERS Program Director: Lesia Oesterreich <a href="mailto:loesterr@iastate.edu">loesterr@iastate.edu</a> Phone: 515-294-0363  CCR&R Regional QRS Specialists <a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/iqrs/">http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/iqrs/</a>
Financial support and/or technical assistance support in reaching accreditation	Improving early childhood education through different systems of accreditation for programs that are committed to meeting national standards of quality.	Home and center providers.	National Association for the Education of Young Children <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/">http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/</a>	Visit the appropriate web site for on-line accreditation applications and information.

			National Association for Family Child Care <a href="http://www.nafcc.org/accreditation/accreditation.asp">http://www.nafcc.org/accreditation/accreditation.asp</a> Council on Accreditation (8 <sup>th</sup> edition standards only – not afterschool) <a href="http://www.coanet.org">http://www.coanet.org</a>	
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<b>Family and Community Partnerships</b>				
Providers receive points towards <b>Levels 3-5</b> for membership in professional organizations.				
Financial support for memberships in approved professional organizations.	Membership in a professional organization assures providers receive current, research-based information about best practice in early childhood.	Home and center providers.	<p>National Afterschool Association:  <a href="http://naaweb.yourmembership.com/">http://naaweb.yourmembership.com/</a></p> <p>National Association for Family Child Care:  <a href="http://www.nafcc.org">http://www.nafcc.org</a></p> <p>National Association for the Education of Young Children:  <a href="http://www.naeyc.org/members/">http://www.naeyc.org/members/</a></p> <p>National Child Care Association:  <a href="http://www.nccanet.org">http://www.nccanet.org</a></p> <p>National Education Association:  <a href="http://www.nea.org">http://www.nea.org</a></p> <p>National Head Start Association:  <a href="http://www.nhsa.org">http://www.nhsa.org</a></p>	Visit the appropriate web site for on-line membership applications.