Child Care Quality System (CCQS) Framework
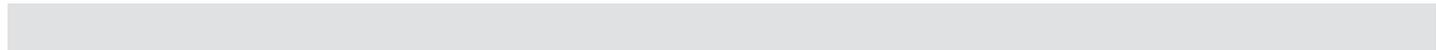## Center-based Programs

WORKFORCE SERVICES
CHILD CARE

Domain 1: Health and Safety		
Licensing Compliance with Office of Licensing	**Select One:**	**Points**
	0 public citations	20
	1 public citation	15
	2 public citations	10
	3 or more public citations	0
	Licensing — Subtotal Points	20
Participation in a health and safety program	**Select all that apply:**	
	TOP Star: Level 5	10
	TOP Star: Level 4	8
	TOP Star: Level 3	6
	TOP Star: Level 2	4
	TOP Star: Level 1	2
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 3 or more categories	10
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 2 categories and High Honors in 1 or more categories	8
	Healthier CACFP: Highest Honors in 1 category and High Honors in 2 or more categories	6
	Healthier CACFP: Honors, High or Highest Honors in 3 or more categories	4
	Healthier CACFP: Honors or High in 3 or more categories	2
	Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom	3
	Eco-Healthy Child Care Environment	3
	Participation — Subtotal Points	10
	Health and Safety Total Points	**30**
Domain 2: Learning Environments and Relationships		
Ratios and Group Size based on onsite verification	**Select all that apply:**	**Points**
	Ratios	Up to 12
	Group Size	Up to 12
	Ratios and Group Size — Subtotal Points	24
Observations conducted using ITERS, ECERS and SAPQA	**Select all that apply:**	
	Overall Observation (average all observation scores and multiply by 5)	30
	Observations — Subtotal Points	30

Family Engagement	Choose from the following for up to a total of 16 points:		Points
	Family Conferences	2x year, OR	4
		Annually	2
	Developmental Screenings	ASQ Online	4
		ASQ	2
		Other Tool	1
	Connecting to Services		1
	Activities for Families	1 point each, up to 4x year	up to 4
	Home Learning Activities	4x year, OR	2
		2x year	1
	Donation of Time/Resources		1
	Communication on Child		2
	Communication on Program		1
	Share Program Philosophy		1
	Visit Before Enrollment		1
	Open Visitation Policy		1
	Discipline Policy		2
	Collaborate to Avoid Expulsion		2
	Grievance Procedures		1
	Supporting English Learners		1
	Breastfeeding Support Policy		1
	Information on Transitions		1
	Parent Handbook Review		1
	Parent Feedback	2x year, OR	2
		Annually	1
	Family Engagement — Subtotal Points		16
Inclusion of children with special needs	Program has current All Means All certification		10
	Learning Environments and Relationships Total Points		80

Domain 3: Leadership and Professional Development

	Select Points within One Option:		Points
Education of Primary Director	Option 1	Career Ladder Level 10 or higher	28
	Option 2	Career Ladder Level 9	22
	Option 3 (Max. 18 points)	Career Ladder Level 8 w/current demonstrated competency	15
		Career Ladder Level 4-7 w/current demonstrated competency	12
		Verified college credit hour in field	1 pt/hour
	20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training		12
	5+ years of verifiable experience		5
	Education of Primary Director — Subtotal Points		45

Education of Caregivers A caregiver can only be counted in one category	Select One:	Points
	At least 25% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	20
	At least 20% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	15
	At least 15% of caregivers with current Career Ladder Level 4 or higher	10
	At least 25% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	15
	At least 20% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	10
	At least 15% of caregivers have 20 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training	5
	Education of Caregivers — Subtotal Points	35
	Leadership and Professional Development Total Points	**80**

Domain 4: Management and Administration

Training and credentials of the administrator responsible for business operations	Select One:	Points
	A college degree with 6 credit hours in finance, business and/or program administration.	5
	Aim4 Excellence Director's Credential	4
	Current National Administrator's Credential (NAC)	3
	Select if applicable:	
	10 hours of Career Ladder approved annual training in the area of business or leadership	5
	Management and Administration Total Points	**10**

Domain 5: National Accreditation

National Accreditation *Early Head Start partnerships do not count*	Select One:	Points
	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation	20
	National Association for the Education of Young Children - Accreditation Plus	20
	National Accreditation Commission	20
	Head Start and Early Head Start Programs*	20
	National Accreditation Total Points	**20**

GRAND TOTAL SCORE

	Total possible points in each section:	
	1. Health and Safety	30
	2. Learning Environments and Relationships	80
	3. Leadership and Professional Development	80
	4. Management and Administration	10
	5. National Accreditation	20
	Grand Total Score	**220**

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Quality Rating Minimum Requirements

Foundation of Quality Rating: The program is fully licensed by the Utah Dept. of Health and Human Services, Office of Licensing Program, which enforces foundational health and safety standards in child care facilities.

☐ License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible

Emerging Quality Rating: The program is fully licensed and beginning to implement practices that can lead to high quality.

☐ License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible
☐ Minimum 30 total points required from components

Growing Quality Rating: The program is implementing practices that can lead to high quality including participating in observations and may also include additional technical assistance, professional development and coaching for program staff.

☐ License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible
☐ Minimum 65 total points required from components
☐ At least 16 points in the Observation component

High Quality Rating: The program creates an environment that supports good outcomes for children. Observed interactions are educational and built on positive relationships. The program continues to support high-quality care through ongoing professional development of staff.

☐ License in good standing (not conditional) and DWS eligible
☐ No high or extreme citations assessed
☐ Minimum 120 points total points required from components
☐ At least 10 points on Licensing Compliance
☐ At least 18 points on Education of Director
☐ At least 15 points on Education of Caregivers
☐ At least 20 points in the Observation Component
☐ Score of at least 3 or higher in each classroom observed

Please visit the official CCQS website at jobs.utah.gov/occ/provider/quality.html *for more resources.*

For questions, please contact your regional Child Care Resource Agency *CCQS Specialist or email ccqs@utah.gov.*