

Miami Valley Family Care Center Wins State's Highest, Three-Star Award for Excellence in Early Care and Education

In recognition of its excellent child care program and its ongoing commitment to children, for the second consecutive year, the Miami Valley Family Care Center (MVFCC) has received a Three-Star Step Up To Quality Award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Bureau of Child Care and Development, the state agency responsible for licensing and promoting high standards among Ohio's child care centers!

The Three-Star rating is given to a very select group of Ohio's highest quality early childhood education centers. Please join us in congratulating Center Director, Susannah Johnson, and all the staff at the Center for their success!

To learn more about MVFCC, click here or visit <http://www.themvfcc.org/>.

About Step Up to Quality

Step Up to Quality is a voluntary rating system for early care and education programs. Participating programs can earn a one, two or three-star rating by meeting an extensive list of quality benchmarks. Experts say these benchmarks improve the growth and development potential of children. The rating system also gives parents a useful tool for selecting quality early childhood programs.

Three-Star Step Up To Quality programs meet the following criteria:

- A ratio of one teacher for every four infants (ages birth-12 months), or 2:8 or 3:10, one teacher for every five infants (ages 12-18 months), one teacher for every six toddlers (ages 18-36 months), one teacher for every nine preschoolers (ages 36-48 months), one teacher for every ten preschoolers (ages 48-60 months) and one teacher for every 15 school-aged children (ages 5-15 years).
- Staff/child ratios in all classrooms meet national high-quality early care and education standards.
- All lead teachers have a degree in early childhood education, specialized training on Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards, Infant and Toddler Guidelines and receive 15 hours of child development training per year, above licensing requirements.
- Program employees receive at least three employee benefits. This policy results in a lower turnover rate.