

Iowa Child Care Quality Rating System Child Development Homes

Quality Levels 1 and 2
<p>Level 1-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider is registered with the Department of Human Services.
<p>Level 2 (+ Level 1 Requirements)-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completes and maintains ChildNet certification • Participates in federal food program (CACFP) • Completes IDPH Child Care Business--Partnership Agreement. • Completes IDPH Home Child Care Center Director/Owner Survey. • Completes a self-assessment of own professional development • Writes professional development plan

The following amount of points from the menu below are required to reach Levels 3-5:
At least one point must be earned from each category.

Level	Minimum points required
3	7
4	12
5	16

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Levels 3-5**

Professional Development Maximum points = 6		Health and Safety Maximum points = 8		Environment Maximum points = 8		Family and Community Partnerships Maximum points = 2	
	Points		Points		Points		Points
At least 2 years of child care experience and 10 hours additional approved training per year beyond regulatory requirements	1	Completes injury prevention checklist with child care nurse consultant	Checklist completed – 1 point Starting process of making recommended corrections – 2 points All corrections completed – 3 points	Completes approved training on Family Day Care Rating Scale (FDCRS)	1	Membership in a professional organization specific to age group for whom care is provided	1
At least five years of child care experience and 20 hours additional approved training per year beyond regulatory requirements	2	Completes child record review with child care nurse consultant	Child record review completed – 1 point Development of a plan of action to secure health services for children – 2 points	After completing approved training on how to use the FDCRS, completes self-assessment using FDCRS	1	Orientation provided for new parents and annual conferences are held with parents	1
Has completed one or more of the following: -Apprenticeship certificate -Child Development Associate (CDA) -At least 9 college credit hours in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	2	Completes health and safety assessment with child care nurse consultant	Assessment completed – 1 point Development of a plan of action to correct deficiencies – 2 points All corrections completed - 3 points	After completing approved training on how to use the FDCRS, completes child development home improvement plan based on FDCRS self-assessment	1		

Professional Development		Health and Safety		Environment		Family and Community Partnerships	
	Points		Points		Points		Points
An associate's degree in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	3			After completing approved training on use of FDCRS, scores an average of 4 with no subscale scores lower than 2, assessed by outside expert	1		
A bachelor's degree or above in education specific to age group for whom care is provided	4			After completing approved training on use of FDCRS, scores an average of 5 with no subscale scores lower than 2, assessed by outside expert	2		
				Accreditation by the National Association for Family Child Care	3		