

Parent Aware Rating Tool Provisional Indicators

Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Centers

Minnesota's voluntary Parent Aware Rating Tool supports our state's children by identifying, recognizing and celebrating high quality in early education.

Established by the 2007 Minnesota Legislature, the provisional rating recognizes programs meeting key indicators of quality acknowledged by the Parent Aware Rating Tool. The provisional rating is a temporary option available to child care and early education programs through June 30, 2009. Programs with a provisional rating are eligible to serve children receiving a pre-kindergarten allowance.

In order to be considered for a provisional rating, a program must:

- Commit to participate (sign a contract).
- Be licensed.

Child safety

Programs cannot receive a provisional rating if, in the past two years, they have had a negative licensing action, maltreatment determination, or have operated under a conditional license.

Provisional rating

Programs must meet all of the provisional rating indicators under family partnerships, teaching materials and strategies, tracking learning, and provide a program of at least 12 hours per week.

- The provisional rating does not apply to accredited programs because these programs are eligible to apply for an automatic 4 star rating through the Parent Aware Rating Tool.
- Provisional ratings will expire on June 30, 2009.

Family partnerships

- Use formal process to collect feedback from parents.
- Communicate regularly with parents, as well as at in-take and for screening.
- Communicate with parents regarding children's transition to kindergarten or another classroom.
- Use individual plans for children's transition to kindergarten and between classrooms.

Teaching materials and strategies

- Use an approved, research-based curriculum.

Tracking learning

- Use an approved, research-based child assessment tool to monitor child progress.

Duration

- Offer a program of at least 12 hours per week.