Quality Matters!

MARYLAND EXCELS

Our program proudly participates in Maryland EXCELS, the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System, because we believe children deserve high-quality early care and education. We are committed to growing and improving every day so that we can help your family thrive.

Below, you'll find a few examples of high-quality services that are required to achieve a quality rating 1-5. In-depth information about Maryland EXCELS quality ratings and standards is available at **marylandexcels.org**.

Quality Rating 1
- Activities support every child's individual needs.
- Family-teacher conferences are offered.

Quality Rating 2
- Children's developmental progress is observed.
- Activities are planned using early learning guidelines.
- Some activities and events are offered for family participation.

Quality Rating 3
- Learning materials and toys reflect the children's cultures and interests.
- Activities support exploring and developmental growth.
- Healthy meals and snacks are provided.

Quality Rating 4
- Community resources are used and shared with families.
- Families may participate in activities and events throughout the year.
- Activities align with a state-recommended curriculum.
- Children have input in shaping rules and choosing activities.

Quality Rating 5
- Lesson plans and policies embrace your family's values, culture, and home language.
- Children's developmental growth is consistently observed and assessed.
- Program is committed to excellence through accreditation.
- Provider and/or staff are highly qualified through education and experience.