Stars in Child Care

Have you ever thumbed through a travel guide to see how many stars or diamonds hotels and restaurants received from critics? Or checked the number of stars a movie received in newspaper reviews? Ratings like these can give you more information about choices before you make a decision. Choosing who will care for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make as a parent. The North Carolina child care rating system can help you choose the quality you prefer for your child.

Child Care Licensing System: How the Star Rating Works:

1. All Early Childhood programs can obtain a license with a rating of up to five stars.

2. A program with a one star license has met the basic licensing requirements.

3. A program with 2-5 stars has voluntarily met enhanced standards in the areas of environment, staff education and experience.

4. Other quality indicators include:
   - group size, ratio, family involvement, caregiver education & turnover, health & safety, accreditation, developmentally appropriate curriculum/activities, positive teacher-child interaction

5. More information can be obtained at [www.ncchildcare.net](http://www.ncchildcare.net) or by calling Children’s Services Network, Diana Bradley @ 828-652-0649.