



This quality recognition and improvement system gives you a process for pursuing quality efforts that will help you learn more, do better, and improve developmental skills among the children you impact. ExceleRate Illinois also provides standards, guidelines, resources, and support to help you make sensible changes that lead to better quality outcomes. Most importantly, the program helps you accelerate excellence in early learning and development in the State of Illinois.

# **ExceleRate Circles of Quality**



#### Licensed

The Licensed Circle of Quality is the foundational circle of quality and recognizes compliance with the licensing standards of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.



#### Bronze

The Bronze Circle of Quality recognizes qualifications and professional development, with the completion of a robust series of trainings to prepare programs for success.



## Silver

The Silver Circle of Quality recognizes the completion of a rigorous self-assessment and implementation of a continuous quality improvement process, as verified by an independent assessor. Silver Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment and instructional quality, along with selected administrative standards; qualifications; and professional development.



## Gold

The Gold Circle of Quality recognizes programs which have demonstrated quality on all standards, as verified by an independent assessor. Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, administrative standards; group size and ratios; qualifications; and professional development.





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