



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child Development and Early Education

5 Star Rated License • Prekindergarten • Subsidized Early Education for Kids

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MEMORANDUM

TO: County Departments of Social Services
Other Local Purchasing Agencies

FROM: Ron Byrd, Subsidy Services Section Chief *RB*

SUBJECT: Increasing Star Licensure Level for One and Two Star Child Care Facilities

ISSUE DATE: February 1, 2012

On November 14, 2011, a memorandum was sent from Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE) to the operators of one and two star licensed child care facilities. The memorandum notified providers of the conditions and timelines to increase their star license level in order to continue participation as a provider of subsidized child care services after June 30, 2012. One of the conditions required providers to apply for a three to five star license by January 15, 2012. In addition, providers must show progress towards increasing their star license level.

In early February 2012, a spreadsheet (*One and Two Star Transition 2012*) that reflects the providers who have progressed towards increasing their star license level will be placed under the County Staff tab of the Division's web site at www.ncchildcare.net. This document will be updated monthly, indicating the specific information provided below about

- facilities that have chosen not to increase their star license level;
- facilities that may or may not enroll new subsidy children after January 15, 2012;
- facilities that are making satisfactory progress toward increasing their star license level, and
- facilities that will not be eligible to receive subsidy payments after June 30, 2012.

Families will need your assistance in locating quality and affordable child care if their provider is not interested in pursuing a higher star license or began the necessary steps but have not progressed to meet the June 30, 2012 deadline. We ask that you work with families to make the transition to their choice of provider by July 1, 2012. We recommend working closely with your local resource and referral agency to help parents make informed choices about high quality child care.

If you have questions about the information in this letter, please contact your Subsidy Services Consultant. However, if you have questions regarding the star rated license, please contact the Child Care Licensing Consultant in your area.

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cc: Child Day Care Coordinators
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