Child care providers and/or child care programs may choose to obtain an accreditation. An accredited child care provider or program may receive a higher quality rating. <u>Click here</u> for information of the types of credentials available for child care providers and child care programs.

QUALITYstarsNY has arrived in New York State! High quality early care and learning programs are essential for children's success in school. New York State is currently developing QUALITYstarsNY to support the efforts of early care and learning programs to improve the quality of their services and to give parents the information they need to make a more informed choice. QUALITYstarsNY is a voluntary quality rating and improvement system that is designed to increase quality in early learning settings - centers, schools, and homes - throughout the state.

QUALITYstarsNY is a project of the Early Childhood Advisory Council whose mission is to provide strategic direction and advice to the State of New York on early childhood issues. By monitoring and guiding the implementation of a range of strategies including QUALITYstarsNY, the Early Childhood Advisory Council supports New York in building a comprehensive and sustainable early childhood system that will ensure success for all of New York's youngest citizens. For more information on QualitystarsNY please, <u>click here</u>