



# Quality Matters!

*A provincial quality improvement program for licensed child care centres.*



## What you need to know

Quality child care nurtures the growth, development, and well-being of children. It sets children up for lifelong learning and success.

Quality Matters has been introduced to raise and maintain the quality of early childhood education and care in Nova Scotia. Every child care centre that receives provincial funding must participate.

## What high quality early learning and child care looks like

### Leadership

- Your child is cared for in a positive learning environment.
- Your child's educators are valued and acknowledged for their work.

### Staffing

- Your child is cared for by qualified staff.
- Your child's educators are supported to participate in professional learning.

## Our child care centre will be assessed on how we:

- comply with Nova Scotia's Early Learning and Child Care Act and Regulations, policies, standards and licensing and monitoring activities
- account for our use of public funding
- improve program quality by implementing *Capable, Confident, Curious: Nova Scotia's Early Learning Curriculum Framework* and commitment to continuous quality improvement

### Learning Environments

- Your child is supported to participate in learning through play.
- Your child's centre reflects the cultures of all children and families.

### Relationships

- You and your child are made to feel welcomed.
- Your child's educators support you and your child to form genuine positive relationships with other children, educators, and families.

## How can I be involved?

Families are children's first and most important educators. We know that working with families is essential to improving quality. Let us know what is most important to you. Tell us how we can work together in partnership to support your child's optimal growth and development.

Our goal is to continuously improve our program and increase positive outcomes for the children and families with whom we work with.

Contact your centre director to share your thoughts or get more information about Quality Matters.