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Step Up to Quality (SUTQ)

Ohio's 5-star early care & child care rating & improvement system.



SUTQ recognizes early care and child care programs that exceed minimum health and safety standards and promotes children's learning and development. Step Up To Quality helps parents choose services that provide both an educational and developmental experience for their son or daughter, while at the same time giving providers enhanced funding for offering high-quality care.

ALL THIS FOR ONE GOAL:

Making a real, positive difference for Ohio's youngest citizens.

An independent study was recently conducted to begin measuring impact. Key takeaways are:

Higher Quality & Better Outcomes:

There is a strong correlation between children scoring higher on Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment and attendance at a 3-5 Star Rated program.

Higher Ratings Mean Better Quality:

Programs that are Star Rated showed higher quality classroom practices compared to programs that are not Star Rated.

Higher Attendance Matters:

Students who attended publicly funded childcare programs over a longer period of time scored higher on average on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment.

BOTTOM LINE:

The initial review of Step Up to Quality indicates it is moving students in the right direction. It's providing low-income families with something more than early care and child care—it's giving them an educational experience that will better prepare their children for the next step in their schooling.

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