

Alternate Pathways for 3, 4 and 5 Star Levels

3 Star

Program must meet licensing and compliance status

Program must meet all 1,2 and 3 Star criteria

or

1. accredited by a CCS approved national accrediting agency OR
2. Head Start grantee compliant with Head Start Program Performance Standards.

4 Star

Program must meet licensing and compliance status

Program must meet all 1,2,3 and 4 Star criteria.

or

1. Program must meet all 4 Star criteria including specified criteria described in 8.11 and
 - a. accredited by a CCS approved national accrediting agency OR
 - b. Head Start grantee compliant with Head Start Program Performance Standards.

5 Star

Program must meet licensing and compliance status

Program must meet all 1,2,3,4 and 5 Star criteria.

or

1. Program must meet all 5 Star criteria including specified criteria described in 8.11 and
 - a. accredited by a CCS approved national accrediting agency OR
 - b. Head Start grantee compliant with Head Start Program Performance Standards.



The following are approved accrediting agencies with contact information for Family Child Care Homes and Head Start Grantees:

NAFCC - National Association for Family Child Care

202-796-5700, www.nafcc.org

Head Start ECLKC – Head Star Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center (The program owner and grantee MUST be the same)

866-763-6481, <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>