

Grow NJ Kids Streamlined Re-rating Protocol

For center-based, in-district DOE, NAEYC-accredited and FCC programs

Rationale

Programs and providers requesting a Grow NJ Kids Star Re-rating have previously been required to complete the full, non-streamlined

Eligibility (cont.)

5. The program receives their Star Rating in November 2027 and works on continuous quality improvement with their Technical Assistance Specialist
6. The program submits *for re-rating in September 2030 via the full, non-streamlined rating process*. Evidence of all standards for which the program is choosing to submit will be reviewed along with formal curriculum training, and rating observations are conducted

Components

As with the full, non-streamlined process, there are three components to Streamlined Re-rating:

- Hours of formal curriculum training
- Grow NJ Kids Standards evidence/documentation points
- Scores from a rating observation(s) completed using the applicable Environment Rating Scale(s)

Process

All programs submitting for Streamlined Re-rating will be assigned to a Quality Rating Coordinator (QRC), who will review the following. Programs or providers that are unable to provide any of the applicable documentation below should submit for full, non-streamlined rating.

- Current formal curriculum training records for **all staff** or records from training on Developmentally Appropriate Practices for FCC providers
- Current training records for the training standards for which the program submitted evidence during the previous Star Rating (e.g., center-based standards 4.3.2, 4.3.5, 4.4.3, etc.)
- Evidence for select time-sensitive standards (not applicable for NAEYC-accredited programs requesting a Star 3 Rating)
- NAEYC accreditation documentation (if applicable)

The QRC will review the Star Rating Readiness Checklist and/or Rating Summary Report from the program's prior rating submission to determine the time-sensitive standards for which the program submitted previously. The QRC will then randomly select time-sensitive standards for which the program will be asked to re-submit current evidence (if applicable). All documentation should be uploaded to the program's NJCCIS File Cabinet using the appropriate GNJK category as the Document Type.

In addition to evidence for select time-sensitive standards, **programs and providers seeking a higher star rating than they received during their previous Star**

Streamlined Re-rating Requirements by Program Type and Star Rating

Star Rating	Center-based and In-district DOE Programs	NAEYC-accredited Programs	Family Child Care Centers
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ITERS-3 and/or ECERS-3 average of **3.75**, no subscale below **3.0**

Staff have attended minimum of **5** hours of training on selected research-based curriculum

Same Star Rating: Evidence for 5

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*The training requirements and records outlined above apply to the provider, an alternate provider, and an assistant if working at the program regularly.

**The cumulative documentation points are the total of the points from the prior Star Rating and the points from Streamlined Re-rating combined.