



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 Rating may submit new documentation from any level or category to receive points towards meeting the threshold for the requested new Star Rating.** Documentation points are calculated cumulatively using the point total from the previous rating submission and new documentation points earned during Streamlined Re-rating. Technical Assistance Specialists working with programs that have questions about whether points were awarded for specific standards during the previous rating process should email GNJKRating@montclair.edu.

Once all training records and documentation have been reviewed and approved, the program will be assigned to an Independent Rater(s) who will conduct the observation(s). Once the observation is completed, the program's Rating Summary Report is drafted and the final Star Rating is shared with the program. Star Ratings awarded via the Streamlined Re-rating process are good for three years.



Expectations for Expired/Expiring Star Ratings

Programs with a Grow NJ Kids Official Star Rating that expired or will expire between March 1, 2020 and September 8, 2023 may submit for a streamlined re-rating by March 8, 2024. Programs that are not ready for rating by March 8, 2024 should submit for the full, non-streamlined rating process by September 9, 2024. Programs with an Official Star Rating that expires after September 8, 2023 must submit for re-rating two months prior to their rating expiration date to ensure their Star Rating does not lapse.




Requirements

The table on the next page includes the Streamlined Re-rating Requirements for each program type. **Note:** In addition to submitting evidence for time-sensitive standards and training records, NAEYC-accredited programs submitting for streamlined-re-rating must submit *any NAEYC accreditation documentation received by the program since the last Star Rating*, such as:

- Current NAEYC Accreditation Certificate
- Most recent NAEYC Accreditation Decision Report
- Completed NAEYC Annual Reports for years 1-3 as appropriate



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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 time-sensitive standards and training records for all staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No ERS observation required Staff have attended minimum of 5 hours of training on selected research-based curriculum Same Star Rating: Current NAEYC accreditation documentation and training records for all staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCCERS-3 average of 3.75, no subscale below 3.0 Provider has attended 5 hours of training in at least two Core Knowledge Areas focused on FCC Developmentally Appropriate Practices**. See standard 2.3.2 Same Star Rating: Evidence for 3 time-sensitive standards and provider training records**
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITERS-3 and/or ECERS-3 average of 4.5, no subscale below 4.0 Staff have attended minimum of 10 hours of training on selected research-based curriculum Same Star Rating: Evidence for 10 time-sensitive standards and training records for all staff Higher star rating: Evidence for 5 time-sensitive standards, training records, and 60 – 85 cumulative documentation points*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITERS-3 and/or ECERS-3 average of 4.5, no subscale below 4.0 Staff have attended minimum of 10 hours of training on selected research-based curriculum Same Star Rating: Current NAEYC accreditation documentation, evidence for 3 time-sensitive standards, and training records for all staff Higher star rating: NAEYC accreditation documentation, training records, and 60 – 85 cumulative documentation points*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCCERS-3 average of 4.5, no subscale below 4.0 Provider has attended 10 hours of training or more in at least three Core Knowledge Areas focused on FCC Developmentally Appropriate Practices**. See standard 2.4.1 Same Star Rating: Evidence for 6 time-sensitive standards and provider training records** Higher star rating: Evidence for 3 time-sensitive standards, training records, and 30 – 40 cumulative documentation points***
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITERS-3 and/or ECERS-3 average of 5.0, no subscale below 4.25 Staff have attended minimum of 20 hours of training on selected research-based curriculum Same Star Rating: Evidence for 15 time-sensitive standards and training records for all staff Higher star rating: Evidence for 5 or 10 time-sensitive standards, training records, and 86 – 100 cumulative documentation points*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITERS-3 and/or ECERS-3 average of 5.0, no subscale below 4.25 Staff have attended minimum of 20 hours of training on selected research-based curriculum Same Star Rating: Current NAEYC accreditation documentation, evidence for 6 time-sensitive standards, and training records for all staff Higher star rating: 3 time-sensitive standards and/or NAEYC accreditation documentation, training records, and 86 – 100 cumulative documentation points*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FCCERS-3 average of 5.0, no subscale below 4.25 Provider has attended 20 hours of training or more in at least ten training topics, with at least 10 training hours completed in topics listed under Core Knowledge Areas: “Learning Environment and Curriculum” and “Child Growth and Development**,” and a curriculum reflective of current research and best practice is used. See standard 2.5.1 Same Star Rating: Evidence for 9 time-sensitive standards and provider training records** Higher star rating: Evidence for 3 or 6 time-sensitive standards, training records, and 41 – 50 cumulative documentation points***

*Head Start programs are not eligible for Streamlined Re-rating.

**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.