ExceleRate® Illinois |

Licensed Center Application
Gold Circle of Quality Supplement
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Section 1 - COA Accreditation Information

COA ID:_____

ACCREDITATION START DATE: _____ / _____ / _____   ACCREDITATION EXPIRATION DATE: _____ / _____ / _____

◯ PLEASE SUBMIT ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATE AND/OR LETTER SHOWING EXTENSION IF IN THE RENEWAL PROCESS.

◯ PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (IDCFS) LICENSE.

IDCFS LICENSE WILL BE CHECKED FOR VIOLATIONS

Section 2 - Required Training

An on-site Program Administrator must complete the following training before applying for the Gold Circle of Quality.
A Program Administrator may be any person listed in Section 4 of the main application as a Director, Assistant Director, or Director/Teacher. Completion of training will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

1. Has an on-site Program Administrator completed the *ExceleRate Illinois Orientation*?   ◯ YES   ◯ NO

Section 3 - Standards and Evidence

Your program's COA accreditation meets the following ExceleRate Illinois standards without need for additional documentation: 1A, 1C, 1E, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D. Standards 4A, 4B, and 4C will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

For each question below, check either 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether your program meets the standard as listed.

If answering 'Yes', additional information and supporting documentation may be required.
Completion of required trainings will be verified by the Gateways Registry.

1B - CURRICULUM

1. Do you utilize a curriculum in your program that is aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines/Standards?   ◯ YES   ◯ NO

1a. If *Yes*, what is the name of the curriculum?_____

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1b. If *Yes*, is this curriculum on the list of aligned curricula found on the ExceleRate Illinois website?　　○ YES　　○ NO

○　If *No*, include a narrative description of how the curriculum is aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines/Standards.

1D – CHILD SCREENING

2. Does your program conduct developmental screenings for all children at least annually, as well as complete screenings within 60 days of a child's entrance to the program?　　○ YES　　○ NO

○ If *Yes*, include a copy of your program's written policies related to developmental/child screening.

1F – INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A statewide MOU is in development for CFC's and/or Local Education Agency (LEA) to use with programs. Until a statewide MOU is available, this requirement is waived.

3. Does your program have a written Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local Child and Family Connections (if serving children under 3)?　　○ YES　　○ NO　　○ N/A *(not serving children under age 3)*

4. Does your program have a written MOU with at least one Local Education Agency (LEA) concerning services to children age 3 - 5 with an Individual Education Program (IEP)?　　○ YES　　○ NO　　○ N/A *(not serving children age 3 - 5)*

○ *OPTIONAL:* If *Yes*, include a copy of a signed MOU with at least one LEA.

4A/4B – DIRECTOR AND STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Currently, the enforcement of Standards 4A and 4B is delayed while we analyze programs' CQIP plans and progress. Programs not in full compliance are required to include concrete, achievable goals and action steps in their CQIP and also to describe their progress in the annual report. Please make every effort to support your staff and your own efforts to attain the required credentials as quickly as possible. Further information will be announced when the analysis of CQIP plans is complete.

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4C – STAFF DEVELOPMENT

5. Does your program have individualized, written staff development plans implemented for all staff?

◯ YES   ◯ NO

◯ If *Yes*, include copies of written individual professional development plans for one teaching staff per classroom.

6. Do all classroom staff in your program complete at least 20 hours of professional development, including a minimum of 5 hours Gateways Registry-approved training, per year?

◯ YES   ◯ NO

IDCFS LICENSE NUMBER _____

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