

# Get Ready



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**ExceleRate**<sup>®</sup>  
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As your program is preparing for an ExceleRate<sup>®</sup> Illinois Circle of Quality follow these tips below in planning for the application process.

## Licensed Family Child Care Providers can:

- Attend an ExceleRate Illinois Orientation for Licensed Family Child Care (Required for the program's primary provider).
- Contact your local CCR&R Quality or Infant Toddler Specialist for technical assistance and consultation. They are available to provide services related to Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and Business Administration Scale (BAS), as well as assistance with developing Continuous Quality Improvement Plans (CQIP).
- Print off your Gateways Registry Professional Development Record (PDR) for the time frame you have worked in child care.
- Ask assistants and substitutes to print a copy of their Gateways Registry PDR for the time frame they have worked in child care.
- Use the Required Training Grid for Licensed Family Child Care on the website to track which training(s) are completed that will count towards ExceleRate requirements. Trainings reported in sections 3, 4 and 5 on the PDR are accepted.
- Determine if you and your assistants and substitutes, if applicable, have achieved a Gateways Credential on their Gateways Registry PDR in section 1.
- Use the ExceleRate Illinois and Gateways to Opportunity<sup>®</sup> Credentials Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) at [www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/resources/helpful-links](http://www.excelerateillinoisproviders.com/resources/helpful-links) to help determine which Credential you need for the Circle of Quality you are applying.
- Make a plan to attain Credentials and trainings your program needs for the Circle of Quality you are seeking.

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