



How to Earn the 1-Star Rating

Child care facilities can earn the 1-Star rating in the Mississippi Child Care Quality Step System by enrolling in the system, maintaining a license by the Mississippi Department of Health, with no probationary status, and completing the following steps.

- The Checklist for 1-Star Rating is an optional tool that you can use to keep track of the steps.

If you followed the steps in the section “How to Prepare,” you will have completed some of the work already.

Earn Staff Professional Development Hours

This step is crucial for earning your facility’s stars!

For a 1-Star rating, all full-time teachers (6 hours per day) must receive **15** hours of training on topics on general topics such as CPR or first aid. Your teachers must receive these training hours before your Quality Step monitor visits your facility.

Important: Training by the director does not count for Quality Step ratings above 1-star. All training must be by trainers approved by the Child Care Licensure Bureau of the Mississippi Department of Health. Ask a workshop provider to show the approval letter before your employees sign up, or check the list of approved trainings in the Child Care Licensure manual.

- Use the optional Child Care Center Professional Development Plan to determine the best schedule for attending workshops and courses.

Facility Name: _____
Facility MDH License Number: _____
Date for Monitoring Visit: _____

To Be Completed by Director

Done	Target Date	Task
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	File current MDH license (with no probationary conditions)
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	File copies of training certificates for yourself and all teachers: a minimum of 15 general hours for each