



## for child care providers

**INFORMATION:** [BrightStars](#)

BrightStars provides parents with information on program quality to make important decisions regarding their children's care. They also help child care providers learn about best practices in early learning and apply them to the care children receive.

**RESOURCE:** [National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#)

NAEYC is a professional association focused on the quality of educational and developmental services for all children from birth to eight years old. NAEYC supports a national, voluntary accreditation system for early childhood education programs.

**RESOURCE:** [RI Association for the Education of Young Children \(RIAEYC\)](#)

RIAEYC supports professionals in their work by promoting quality education and the healthy development of children from newborn to eight years old. RIAEYC is the Rhode Island affiliate of NAEYC and the managing agency of BrightStars.

**RESOURCE:** [RI Department of Children, Youth and Families \(DCYF\) Licensing](#)

DCYF licenses child day care centers, family child care homes, and school-age programs to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of children while in care outside of their home. DCYF's website allows parents to search for licensed programs.