



## resources and publications

**RESOURCE:** [BrightStars Quality Improvement Resources](#)

This tool provides child care program information on organizations, programs, and services that support quality in child care and early learning programs.

**RESOURCE:** [RI Kids Count's 2009 Child Care Center and Preschool Quality Study](#)

Report of the finding from the study, which measured the quality of care and education in child care centers and preschool programs in Rhode Island.

**RESOURCE:** [BrightStars Family Child Care Framework](#)

This structure is designed for use by licensed family child care homes. Describes the standards and criteria BrightStars uses to assess quality and assign star ratings.

**RESOURCE:** [BrightStars Child Care Center Framework](#)

This outline is designed for use by licensed child care centers and preschools serving children from newborn through kindergarten. It describes the standards and criteria BrightStars uses to assess quality and assign star ratings.

**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.