

Pathfinder Kids Kampus Receives Level Three Paths to QUALITY Rating



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Pathfinder Kids Kampus Early Childhood Center has recently received a Level Three Paths to QUALITY rating. Paths to QUALITY is Indiana's quality rating and improvement system for child care programs.

Paths to QUALITY is a voluntary program sponsored by the state of Indiana and the Level Three rating reflects that the Child Development Center has successfully met Indiana's requirement for offering a planned curriculum that supports and reinforces excellence in child development in a loving environment.

According to Lisa Mettler, Administrator, "The center's involvement in Paths to QUALITY means we continuously develop skills and knowledge as child care providers to create a safe and healthy place for children to grow and learn. Achieving this Level Three rating is evidence that we have met Indiana's requirements for creating this environment that support children's learning," Mettler said.

"Among the benefits of our involvement in Paths to QUALITY, Pathfinder Kids Kampus offers a planned curriculum that addresses the stages of child development, demonstrates professional growth of the administrator and staff over and above licensing requirements and facilitates family and staff input into the program," Mettler stated.

The child benefits the most, she noted, by being in the care of an early childhood center that offers appropriate activities and opportunities for children that lead to school readiness and well as activities designed to be inviting, engaging and challenging to all children based on observations and assessment of each child.

Paths to QUALITY is a voluntary statewide system created to improve the quality of child care and early education for children. It gives all families a tool to find the best quality program for their needs, and supports and recognizes providers on a four-level rating system. The system has been studied and validated by the Child Development and Family Studies experts at Purdue University.

For more information about the Paths to QUALITY program or how to become a Paths to QUALITY provider, please contact Child Care Solutions at 1-800-493-3231.

Pathfinder Kids Kampus, Huntington, offers child care and preschool services to children from infancy to age 12 as well as Early Head Start services. Pathfinder Kids Kampus is a Paths to QUALITY Level Three Provider and is the only licensed child care center in Huntington County. Pathfinder Kids Kampus can be found on the web at www.kidskampus.org and is a division of Pathfinder Services, a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington.