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### **Notice of Family Child Care Provider Grow NJ Kids Tiered Reimbursement Rates for Quality**

You are receiving this notice because you serve families enrolled in New Jersey's Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS/DFD), Child Care Assistance Program.

The purpose of this notification is to tell you about Grow NJ Kids, New Jersey's Quality Rating Improvement System. Grow NJ Kids is designed to raise the quality of child care and early learning across the State. The system is the Child Care Assistance Program's quality benchmark for infants, toddlers, and preschool children. On March 1, 2022, DHS/DFD expanded Grow NJ Kids higher tier reimbursement rates to include Family Child Care providers (FCCs) in order to promote and support greater access to high-quality child care.

The tiered reimbursement rate will pay a quality-based differential rate to FCCs that have a Grow NJ Kids Quality Rating level of 3, 4, or 5 stars. The new tiered rates can be found in the attached March 2022 Maximum Child Care Payment Rates, and at <https://www.echildcarenj.org/eccpw/>. Tiered reimbursement is limited to infants, toddlers, and preschool age children.

The purpose of the tiered system of reimbursement is to provide recognition and incentive to programs for achieving a Grow NJ Kids rating. Tiered payment rates are additional amounts above the base rate, depending upon the age of the child and the quality rating of the program. Effective March 1, 2022, the Child Care Assistance Program will no longer pay the five percent (5%) differential to programs that receive a new or renewal accreditation from the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC).

FCCs interested in enrolling in Grow NJ Kids can do so at:

<https://www.grownjkids.gov/ProvidersEducators/Enroll>