

### **237A.30 Voluntary child care quality rating system.**

1. The department shall work with the community empowerment office of the department of management established in section 28.3 and the state child care advisory council in designing and implementing a voluntary quality rating system for each provider type of child care facility.
2. The criteria utilized for the rating system may include but are not limited to any of the following: facility type; provider staff experience, education, training, and credentials; facility director education and training; an environmental rating score or other direct assessment environmental methodology; national accreditation; facility history of compliance with law and rules; child-to-staff ratio; curriculum, including the extent to which the curriculum focuses on the stages of child development and on child outcomes; business practices; staff retention rates; evaluation of staff members and program practices; staff compensation and benefit practices; provider and staff membership in professional early childhood organizations; and parental involvement with the facility.
3. A facility's quality rating may be included on the internet webpage and in the consumer information provided by the department pursuant to section 237A.25 and shall be identified in the child care provider referrals made by child care resource and referral service grantees under section 237A.26.

99 Acts, ch 192, §33; 99 Acts, ch 203, §49; 2002 Acts, ch 1142, §27, 28, 31; 2005 Acts, ch 148, §20; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §76

Voluntary child care quality rating to be implemented by the department beginning on or after January 1, 2006; effective July 1, 2005, applications seeking designation as a gold seal quality child care provider no longer accepted; designations awarded prior to July 1, 2005, may continue to be utilized until expiration; 2005 Acts, ch 148, §21