



Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS) Assessment



The **Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale (FCCERS)** assessment is used to determine the quality of care provided in family child care settings. The **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)** report that is sent to providers after each assessment includes the overall score, areas of strength, and opportunities for growth

It is highly recommended that providers participate in regular technical assistance and complete self-assessments during the two years following a FCCERS review. These years are considered growth years and are the best time to continue enhancing quality and working toward goals.

Better Beginnings and FCCERS Assessments

You will submit a Better Beginnings **Intent to Apply form** to let A-State Childhood Services know that you plan to apply for Better Beginnings. An ERS consultant will contact you when your 60-day window is open.

- You should inform the assessor of any days the program will be closed, such as spring break, as well as any days that will have a non-typical schedule, such as field trips or photo days. Please note, days when the caregiver or assistant are absent are not considered non-typical days.
- The FCCERS visit will be unannounced.
- The assessor will follow one group of children for about 3 hours.
- Before or after the observation, the assessor might spend some additional time looking at the materials in the spaces used by children in the home.
- The assessor will remain neutral and quiet throughout the observation.
- About three weeks after your FCCERS assessment, you will receive a **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) report** via email. Upload this report (or only the cover sheet and score sheet) with your application in the ELS portal to document that the assessment was completed within the last 12 months and the required average was achieved.

FCCERS- Family Child Care Environment Assessment

ITERS- Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ages B-30 months)

ECERS- Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ages 3-5)

SACERS- School Age Environment Rating Scale (K-3rd grade)

For more information, go to: <https://www.ersi.info/>

Required average

Level 2	⋮	3.0
Level 3	⋮	4.0
Level 4	⋮	5.0
Level 5	⋮	5.5
Level 6	⋮	6.0