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BrightStars recognizes 360 early care, education and school-age programs in the city of Providence

Warwick, RI, May 6, 2015 – As of April 2015, 360 early care, education and school-age programs in the City of Providence have been rated by BrightStars. By becoming BrightStars-rated, early care, education and school-age programs are showing that they are committed to quality. To participate in BrightStars, these 360 programs were assessed across many quality standards and criteria, such as Health, Safety and Nutrition, Staff Qualifications and Ongoing Professional Development, Family Engagement, and more.

BrightStars evaluates the quality of early care, education and school-age programs and rates them from 1 to 5 stars and helps them improve their quality. BrightStars also gives families the information to make choices about their children’s care and education. Families looking for care and education may search online or call our toll-free number at 1-855-398-7605.

“The early years are critical for the growth and development of children, and BrightStars helps families to identify high quality early care, education and school-age programs in their area”, said Lisa Hildebrand, Rhode Island AEYC Executive Director.

More information about BrightStars can be found at www.BrightStars.org

About BrightStars

The Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children (RIAEYC) manages BrightStars, Rhode Island’s Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System. Rhode Island AEYC is an affiliate of NAEYC, the largest organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of early education programs for children birth through age 8. Through the star rating system, BrightStars helps early care, education and school-age programs learn about best practices and apply them to the care children receive. BrightStars also helps families in Rhode Island access quality early care, education and school-age programs. Visit www.BrightStars.org for more information.

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