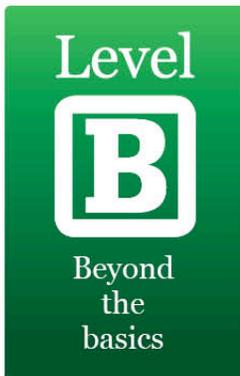


# What is the ABC program?



The ABC Child Care Program helps eligible low-income families pay for child care so that they can work or go to school or training.

Families may choose care from a full range of public and private child care options – centers, schools, group homes, family homes, friends and relatives. The ABC Child Care Program also makes every effort to assist child care providers interested in improving the quality of care at their facility.



The ABC Program encourages parents to choose regulated child care. Child care providers voluntarily enrolled in ABC are reimbursed according to the quality of care provided. There are 3 levels of regulated care in the ABC system:

**Level A** – Exemplary programs measured against rigorous quality standards

**Level B** – Programs measured against quality standards beyond basic state regulations

**Level C** – Programs meeting basic licensing regulations (health and safety)



Within Levels A and B, highest performing providers are recognized by AA and BB designations and higher bonus awards. At each level, programs receive regular on-site reviews to measure performance on the program standards for that level.

For information on how to enroll in the South Carolina ABC Child Care Program or more information on program improvement, call 1-800-763-ABCD.

