

Level **C**

Provider Information

Center-Based Standards - ABC Child Care
South Carolina's Quality Improvement System

Name of Provider _____ FEIN/SSN# _____

Name of Facility (if different) _____

Address _____

Mailing Address _____

E-Mail Address _____ FAX # _____

Phone# _____ Contact person/owner _____

Type of Visit

Enrollment visit Unannounced monitoring visit Revisit

Provider Category

Private, non profit Publicly Sponsored Private, for profit
 Faith-based Sponsored/licensed Head Start Organization School District
 Military Program Other (define)

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Introduction to ABC Child Care Program Standards

The following standards constitute the criteria for Level C child care and development services in the ABC Quality Improvement System. Level C providers are assessed based on their compliance to the standards for the age group(s) to be served. Providers may elect to enroll to serve 0-2 year olds, 3-5 year olds, and/or 6-12 year olds.

The standards for ABC Child Care Level C meet the state's regulatory requirements for Child Care Centers in South Carolina. All providers classified as Level C enrolled in ABC Child Care must first meet regulatory requirements governing their operation according to statute and SC Department of Social Services child care licensing regulations and must maintain a history of compliance with those regulations. Legally exempt programs must maintain a history of compliance to ABC Level C requirements.

ABC Level C is assessed by 4 standards: Regulatory Requirements; Administration; Health, Safety and Well-Being; and Family-Communication during an annual on-site review. Compliance is based on documentation from the service provider as well as on-site observation and review by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) staff.

In order to become enrolled and continue enrollment at Level C, a provider must meet the standards as measured by the SCDSS reviewer.

To determine compliance for Standard I.D.:

The reviewer will conduct an analysis of the potential provider's staff-child ratio to determine compliance with regulatory requirements. All providers who elect to participate in the ABC Child Care Program must meet the staff-child ratios as defined by the South Carolina Child Care

Regulations (Section 114-504: Supervision) as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Maximum Ratios</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Maximum Ratios</u>
Birth – 1 year	1:5	4-5 years	1:17
1-2 years	1:6	5-6 years	1:20
2-3 years	1:8	6-12 years	1:23
3-4 years	1:12		

The reviewer will observe briefly in each classroom and provide assessments for the following:

- Frequent and positive talk by the caregivers to the children.
- Posted daily framework or schedule of activities.
- Opportunities for children to explore the indoor and outdoor environment (weather permitting).
- Regular access to age appropriate, interesting and stimulating materials daily for all children.
- Accommodations are made for the different abilities and needs of children.

The completed assessment of the program's performance on the standards is returned to the provider with notification of successful enrollment, continued enrollment, or notification of failure to meet enrollment standards. Provider business agreements are made for a period of three years. Non-correction of deficiencies or repeated deficiencies can result in provider termination from ABC Child Care or non-renewal of the business agreement.