

Lessons Learned From The First Six Years Of The North Carolina Rated License Assessment Project



The NC Star Rated License

Shows the number of stars earned (shaded) out of the number of stars possible (blank)

Shows the name and physical location of the program

State of North Carolina
Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Child Development

Three Star Child Care License

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ABC CHILD CARE CENTER
123 ANYWHERE ST
RALEIGH, NC 27777

In each area rated, this facility earned:
Staff Education: 2 out of 5 points
Program Standards: 2 out of 5 points
Compliance History: 5 out of 5 points
Total: 9 out of 15 points

ID Number: 92001033
Type of Facility: Center

Issued to: CHILD CARE, SUZIE
Age Range: 0 - 12 years
Capacity: 50
Effective Date: July 1, 1999
Restrictions:
Daytime care only
Children in care on ground level only

SAMPLE

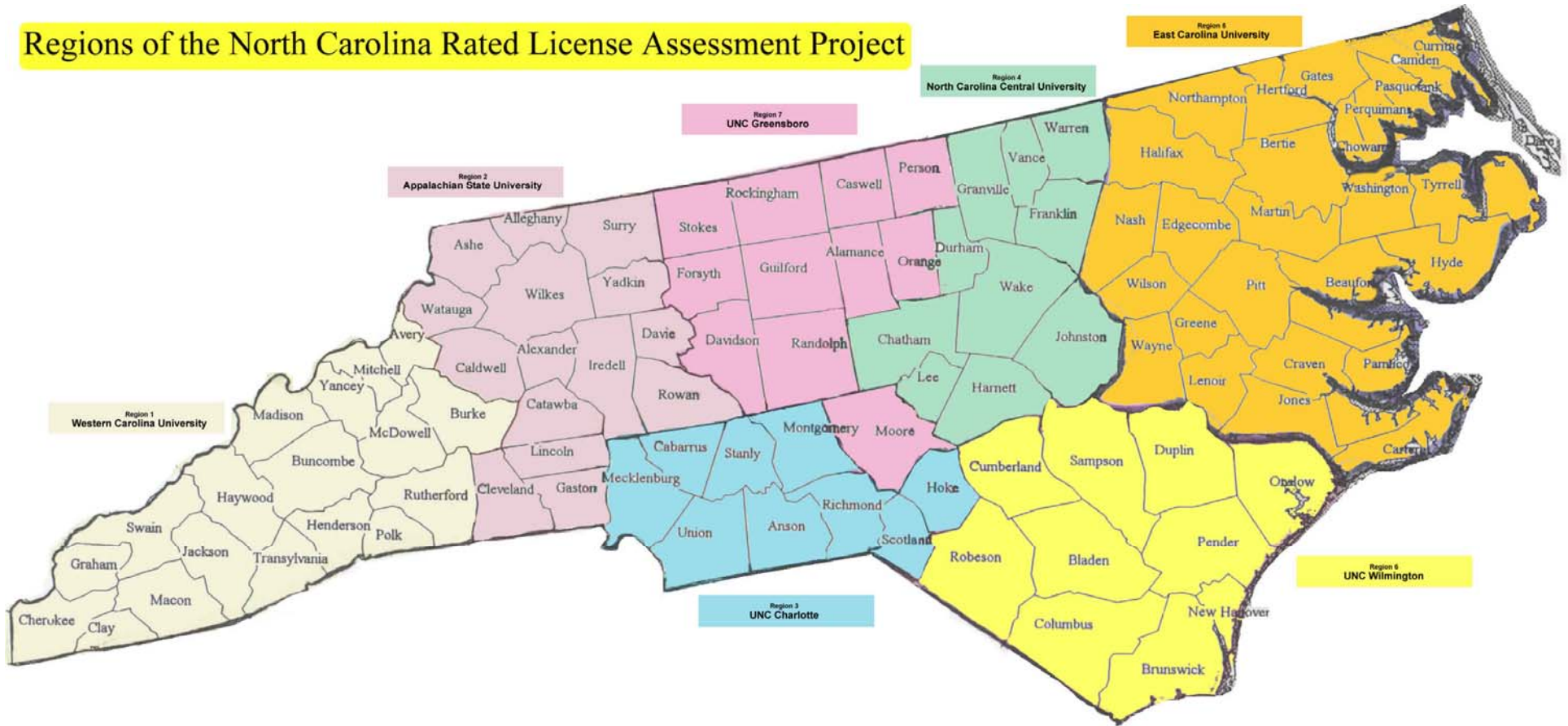
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services
Peggy Ball, Director, Division of Child Development

Shows how many points the program earned in each of the three components

Shows basic licensing information such as number of children allowed, ages allowed and any restrictions



Regions of the North Carolina Rated License Assessment Project



Average scores for North Carolina

(September 1, 1999 to August 31, 2005)

	Total Assessments	Average Score
ECERS-R	3,179	5.03
ITERS	1185	4.69
ITERS-R	729	4.75
SACERS	1181	5.22
FDCRS	1646	5.09
<i>Total</i>	7,920	

- 1) Average scores achieved in preschool and school-age classrooms, as well as family child care homes reflect “good” quality
- 2) Average score in infant and toddler classrooms was less than “good”
- 3) Programs receiving assessments clearly represent the higher quality child care facilities in the state

Lowest Scoring Subscales

ECERS-R = Personal Care Routines (average score = 3.82)

Subscale	Average Score
Space and Furnishings	4.85
Personal Care Routines	3.82
Language-Reasoning	5.53
Activities	5.21
Interaction	5.69
Program Structure	5.50

Teacher Education and Program Quality

Education Level	Centers	Homes
High School	4.78	4.85
Some College	4.84	5.08
2-Year Degree	5.05	5.14
4-Year Related Degree	5.16	5.22
4-Year Degree in CD/ECE	5.22	5.35
Graduate Work	5.23	5.24

Challenges

- It is possible through the NC point system to be a 4-star program without having an assessment done
- To ensure a reliable assessment process, precise scoring requirements are followed (i.e., NC Additional Notes) which increase the level of detail and rigidity of the scales
- Programs must make difficult choices—7s on all items is impossible!
- Ensuring quality all day and everyday instead of for a day

