



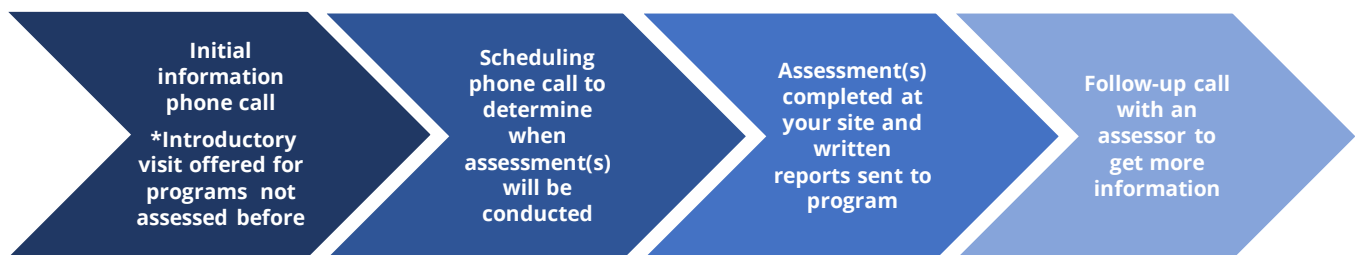
## What is an Outreach Assessment?

Outreach Assessments offer valuable insights into a program's strengths and areas for potential improvement. They are designed to be informative and supportive, aiming to assist programs in enriching the quality of their early childhood education program.

Participating in these practice assessments will increase knowledge of the assessment process and build familiarity of scale requirements using the ECERS-3, ITERS-3, SACERS-U, or FCCERS-3. These assessments are offered by NCRLAP free of charge, to eligible programs.

These are not official Rated License assessments, and the scores will not impact a program's Star Rated License. However, an Outreach Assessment will offer a sense of what the official assessment process is like since assessment procedures and the assessment reports are similar to the "real thing."

### The process:



### Important differences between Outreach and official Rated License Assessments

1. The Outreach Assessment Report(s) will be sent directly to the program instead of the DCDEE Child Care Consultant, although providers are welcome to share the report(s) with their consultant or local TAs to ask for advice, suggestions, etc.
2. There are additional steps and benefits for Outreach Assessments that do not occur during the official process. For example, after the assessment report is sent to a program an assessor calls the administrator to help explain various requirements, reasons for scoring, and to discuss how to use the written report.
3. For programs that have not been assessed before, an assessor can visit the program prior to the assessment(s) to share information about the assessment process and ERS, answer questions, and help locate relevant resources available at [ncrlap.org](http://ncrlap.org).

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