

Quality Child Care Niagara Expectations

About QCCN

Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) is a standardized, research-based approach designed to enhance the quality of early childhood programs. QCCN has strengthened the foundation of child care and early childhood education through high quality child care experiences, individual developmental programming and outcomes, and supports and services throughout Niagara. Quality Child Care Niagara is a mandatory component of Service Agreements with Niagara Region Children's Services.

QCCN Components

1) Resources and Tools

The following resources and tools are **mandatory** components to be completed:

- DISC Preschool Screen (DPS) consent forms, DPS booklets, and DPS Tracking Sheet for each child with consent from the family.
- Speech & Language Referral Checklist consent forms, Speech & Language Referral Checklists, and Speech & Language Tracking Sheets for each child with consent from the family.
- Behaviour Children's Actions Relationships and Emotions Checklist (C.A.R.E.) consent form and Behaviour C.A.R.E. Checklist as needed with consent from the families.
- QCCN Monthly Statistical Reports - print hardcopy or save electronically (monthly).
- Environmental Rating Scales, Environment Rating Scales Feedback Forms and Resource and Inventory Lists for each room. (Not mandatory during COVID-19)

The following resources and tools are **encouraged** components to be completed as needed:

- Program Profile
- Caregiver Interaction Scale
- Family Engagement Strategies

The following resources and tools are provided to the centres through QCCN to refer to as needed:

- Brigance Readiness Binder
- Developmental Profiles Textbook
- QCCN Developmental Reference Charts

2) Training

For child care programs with a purchase of service agreement with Niagara Region Children's Services, it is a requirement to have the child care educators trained in Quality Child Care Niagara.

To facilitate all staff in being trained on an ongoing basis as needed the QCCN Reflective Practice Institute is currently available for educators supporting infant, toddler and preschool programs and who have not previously taken the training. The Reflective Practice Institute is available to view as five pre-recorded webinars. Connect with the QCCN Coordinator to register staff for the upcoming training session or visit the [QCCN webpage](#).

3) Support Visits

To determine priority for child care visits in 2021, Niagara Children's Services has distributed a questionnaire to licensed child cares in order to determine a level of support that each centre will be receiving (level 1, 2 or 3). As a result of the questionnaire, a visit will be arranged accordingly. **Programs that receive a level 2 or 3 will require a mandatory visit.**

For licensed child care centres who do not have an agreement with Niagara Region Children's Services, but have chosen to participate in QCCN:

QCCN will commit to providing:

- QCCN Reflective Practice Institute training.
- QCCN tool kit.
- QCCN Level of Support visits.

The Child Care Program will commit to:

- Implementation of the QCCN tools.
- Submission of monthly QCCN stats.
- Ensuring all new educators are trained in QCCN.
- Sign off on the Niagara Region Children's Services: Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) Terms and Agreement and Acknowledgement document.

As part of the QCCN program, centres receive a support visit to promote the use of QCCN tools and put into practice the strategies provided in training and address any concerns that may be associated with quality programming.

For Further Support

- 1) Please feel free to contact QCCN Coordinator with any questions or to access further materials at 905.646.7311 x. 319 or [click here](#) to email.
- 2) All QCCN forms and information can be found on the QCCN webpage [HERE](#)
- 3) Tips and suggestions on using the resources and tools may be found [HERE](#)
- 4) Videos to support you further can be found [HERE](#)
- 5) Would you like to dialogue with other staff in using the tools and resources? Connect with the QCCN Coordinator to be a part of an upcoming Conversation Café. [Click here](#) to email.