

## ENROLL

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- Apply for enrollment in Grow NJ Kids through [NJCCIS](#).
- Receive a Welcome email and complete the online GNJK Orientation.
- Receive assignment of a Quality Improvement Specialist (QIS) after the GNJK Orientation is complete.
- Partner with your Quality Improvement Specialist (QIS) to get started.



## INTRODUCTION

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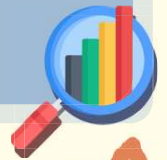
- Attend Health Safety and Child Growth and Development training.
- Review NJCCIS to ensure all staff are linked to the program.
- Receive overview of Grow NJ Kids and the Environment Rating Scales (ERS) for staff.
- Identify training and professional development goals for staff.



## ASSESS

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- Transition to a Regional Technical Assistance Center and meet your program's TA Specialist.
- Select an approved research-based curriculum and assessment pedagogy.
- Receive mentoring, coaching, and observation for the ERS tools from your TA Specialist.



# GROW NJ KIDS ROAD TO QUALITY

## PLAN

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- Complete a customized Grow NJ Kids program Self-Assessment with support from your TA Specialist.
- Develop your program's Quality Improvement Plan goals.
- Programs that qualify submit a request for classroom enhancements and learning material needs identified in your Self-Assessment.



## SUPPORT

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- Partner with your TA Specialist to implement your Quality Improvement Plan.
- Gather and review rating documentation and professional development certifications.
- Conduct internal Environment Rating Scale observation assessments for all age groups to prepare for rating.



## RATING

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- Meet Quality Improvement Plan criteria for star rating you intend to obtain.
- Submit application and documentation for rating through NJCCIS.
- A representative from GNJK Rating at CREEHS will contact your program to arrange the rating process details.



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- Maintain achieved level of care and professional development with continuous quality improvement and rating renewal.
- A Grow NJ Kids star rating is valid for three years.
- Apply for re-rating after 3 years. Preparation begins at least 6 months prior.



### NOTE:

The rating process is tailored to your individual program needs and takes an average of 18-24 months (about 2 years) to complete. Staff will attend formal training offerings based on individualized professional development plans. This begins during the introduction and continues throughout process.