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United Way Proposes Rating System For Day-Care Centers

Centers Would Be Rated With Stars

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How do you really know if your child's day-care facility is top notch?

All centers in Rhode Island have to be licensed, but a new system is being developed that will give parents more information.

The [United Way of Rhode Island](#) launched a program Monday that will develop a ratings system for every facility across the state, including home-based centers and after-school programs.

It will look at a center's staff qualifications, turnover rates and pay scales, as well as curricula and learning environment.

The centers will be rated with stars, much like hotels. The more stars, the better the facility, at least in theory.

Eleven other states have already developed a rating system for child-care centers.

If you are a parent and want to be involved in creating the system, call [Rhode Island Kids Count](#) at (401) 351-9400.

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