

PATHWAYS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Children's Institute, an affiliate of the University of Rochester, awarded Pathways National Accreditation to Park Ridge Child Care Center on May 21, 2009. Park Ridge Child Care Center is the first child care center in the nation to achieve this prestigious national accreditation, marking the center's commitment to delivering high quality child care. A. Dirk Hightower, Executive Director of Children's Institute said "the center went through a rigorous process to meet or exceed 500 criteria, which are above what is required by the State of New York Office of Children and Family Services in order for centers to operate. The process of accreditation is rigorous, evaluating parent and staff satisfaction, and program quality, including the facilities, qualifications of staff and leadership, and record keeping. Park Ridge Child Center values excellence and quality for their staff, parents and most of all the children, who will benefit in their development because of the center's commitment to achieving accreditation".

QUALITYstarsNY

In July, 2010, Park Ridge Child Care Center was chosen to participate in the QUALITYstarsNY field study. QUALITYstarsNY is New York's quality rating, improvement and recognition system. It is designed to recognize programs that demonstrate quality above and beyond meeting New York's strong regulatory standards. The choice to participate in QUALITYstarsNY was a voluntary decision our center made to better enhance the programs we offer. QUALITYstarsNY's goal is to eventually be state-wide and is designed to align with and complement existing quality assessment systems.

BREAST FEEDING-FRIENDLY CHILD CARE CENTER

The Park Ridge Child Care Center has been designated by the New York State Department of Health's Child and Adult Care Program as a Breast-Friendly Child Care Center. We welcome nursing mothers and provide comfort and privacy if they choose to breast feed their baby while at our center. We also have a separate refrigerator for storing breast milk and keep a daily log of any breast milk going in and out of the refrigerator at all times.