



COE Bear Tracks



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Quality Assurance Report (QAR) – DESE Volunteer Project

Missouri State University Child Development Center (MSU CDC) applied and was selected to be a part of the sixth cohort of programs participating in the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Quality Assurance Report (QAR) pilot. It was created to support childcare providers who have supported families in need during the pandemic in collaboration with the Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office and the Departments of Health and Senior Services, and Mental Health and Social Services. The QAR supports overall school readiness, which is a combination of readiness for children, families, communities, early care and education programs and schools. They asked for childcare programs to consider being a part of this opportunity to dive deeper into the high-quality early care and education.

DESE will be reaching out to our program in late summer/early fall to gather specific classroom information in order to conduct appropriate classroom assessments. Part of the QAR process will include onsite classroom and program assessments, review of policies and procedures, review of staff qualifications and professional development, and onsite and virtual coaching. The Environmental Rating Scale will be used to assess and improve quality of the selected childcare programs.

The intended outcome for this QAR project is to increase the quality of childcare in Missouri. The Child Development Center is excited to be included in this opportunity.