THE BUILDING EXTERIOR & CENTER ENTRY

The entry to your center, both exterior and interior, sets the tone for your program. It is the first impression that parents, children and other visitors will have of your space. The challenge at the entry is to find a balance between hospitality and security. The entry should be welcoming and the layout and feel of the space should support children in making the sometimes difficult transition from home to the center. Yet, it must also provide some control over access to the facility.

BUILDING EXTERIOR

1.1 >> BUILDING EXTERIOR IS CLEAN AND WELL- MAINTAINED

- Area free of trash and debris
- Walls, windows, trim intact
- Exterior stairs, sidewalk in good condition. Trees, shrubs, lawn wellmaintained

No grafitti on walls
RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

COMMENTS:

1.2 > > > > > BUILDING EXTERIOR IS ATTRACTIVE AND WELCOMING

- Materials and colors used on exterior of building inviting to children and families
- Attractive signage clearly welcomes families and visitors and directs them to the entrance
- Covered area at entry allows transition space out of the elements
- Dumpsters and other unattractive items hidden from view if near entry
- Plantings, pathways, seating and other interesting items such as a sculpture or landmark create welcoming feel at entry
- The scale of entry is intimate and non-institutional

COMMENT	S:									
1.3 🌣 🌀 BUILDING IS STRUCTURALLY SOUND										
 No plumbing leaks Fully functional heating and air conditioning systems No signs of structural distress (e.g., cracks, uneven floors, etc.) 										
RATING:	0	1	2	3	4	N/A	PR!			
COMMENTS:										

1.4 💸 🌀 ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE

- Roof is in good condition with no leaks
- Building is lead-free

RATING:

- · Building is radon-free
- Building is asbestos-free
- Building is free of mold
- Drinking water is safe
- Modifications made to improve air quality (e.g., improved air filtration, increased air circulation, etc.)

RATING: U 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!

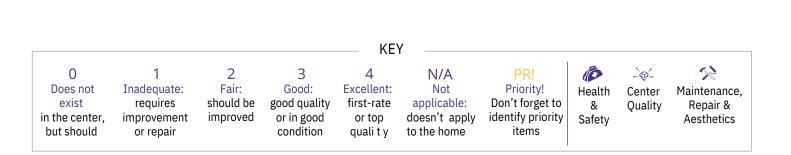
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O Does not exist in the center, but should	1 Inadequate: requires improvement or repair	2 Fair: should be improved	Good: good quality or in good condition	4 Excellent: first-rate or top quali t y	N/A Not applicable: doesn't apply to the home	PR! Priority! Don't forget to identify priority items	Health & Safety	Center Quality	Maintenance, Repair & Aesthetics

1.5 🌣 🌀 BUILDING IS ENERGY EFFICIENT	1.8 BUILDING IS ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
 Double-paned, energy-efficient windows Sufficiently insulated Energy-efficient lighting Programmable thermostat to match HVAC schedule to occupants Energy efficient appliances 	RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A COMMENTS:
RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR! COMMENTS:	1.9 ENTRANCE TO CENTER IS SAFE AND SECURE
1.6	 Clearly marked Has exterior lighting Security system controls access to center and screens visitors via intercom, personal contact or technology Pathways free of hazards (e.g., debris, snow, ice)
 Located near center entrance Sufficient parking for staff and families Parking area and pathways well-lit Parking area safe Drop-off area located where children don't have to cross in front of moving vehicles 	RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A COMMENTS:
RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A PR!	RECEPTION AND CIRCULATION
COMMENTS:	1.10
1.7OUTDOOR LIGHTING IS ADEQUATE AND WELCOMINGSecurity lighting on building and playground	 Signage directs visitors to reception area Clearly defined space for reception Controlled access to children's space Clear view of visitors entering center Serves as transition into the center
Exterior lighting makes center more welcoming after dark	RATING: 0 1 2 3 4 N/A

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LOOK AND FEEL OF RECEPTION AREA WELCOMES CHILDREN AND ADULTS

- Offers space for families to congregate, including seating
- Sets a positive and child-friendly tone
- · Reflects program philosophy through displays and décor
- Storage for car seats & strollers is provided

RATING:	0	1	2	3	4	N/A	PR!		
COMMENTS:									
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FLOORING AND WALLS ARE CLEAN, DURABLE AND IN GOOD REPAIR									
RATING:	0	1	2	3	4	N/A	PR!		
COMMENTS:									

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DISPLAY BOARDS OR AREAS ARE AVAILABLE

- In reception area
- In corridors outside classrooms
- Enclosed in glass where required by code

RATING:	0	1	2	3	4	N/A	PR!
COMMENT	S:						

1.14 > TO THE FACILITY IS EFFICIENT AND SUPPORTS PROGRAMMING

- Clearly defined pathways through the center allow children, families and visitors to easily move through the space without passing through other classrooms
- Warm and welcoming, not institutional
- Hallways are clean, well-lit and clutter-free
- Enough room to maneuver strollers and equipment
- Signage to direct visitors through center and to identify spaces

RATING:	U	1		3	4	N/A	PR!				
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- Well-lit
- Non-slip treads on steps
- Handrails at child and adult height Clean, clutter-free

STAIRWAYS ARE SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE

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