

# 1 ENTRANCE TO THE HOME

The approach to your home moves parents and children from the public space outside your front door into the private space of your home. The first impression that families and visitors have of your family child care home is what they see at the entry. If you live in a multi-family dwelling or apartment building, you may not be able to control all features of the outdoor space, but you should still look carefully for ways to present an orderly and welcoming appearance. If you live in a single-family home, you have more ability and more responsibility for creating an entrance that reflects the quality of the care you offer once inside.

## EXTERIOR ENTRANCE

### 1.1 HOME LOOKS CLEAN & WELL-KEPT

- Walls, windows trim are intact
- There is no peeling paint or broken glass
- Sidewalk/steps are in good condition
- Landscaping is well-maintained
- Area is free of debris

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1.2 ENTRANCE TO CHILD CARE SPACE IS WELL-DEFINED

- Signage directs you to entrance
- Clear pathway is provided
- Operable intercom or doorbell is provided

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1.3 EXTERIOR LIGHTING IS ADEQUATE

- Light is provided by entry door
- Light is provided from parking area to entry

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1.4 SUFFICIENT & CONVENIENT PARKING IS AVAILABLE

- Parking is reasonably close to entry
- Families and visitors know where to park
- Families can safely get from vehicle to entry

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSIDE ENTRY AREA




### 1.5 ENTRY IS WELCOMING TO FAMILIES

- Floor is clean, protected from dirt & moisture
- Storage space is provided for children's belongings
- Seating area is provided at entry
- Storage for car seats & strollers is provided
- Convenient sign-in area is available
- Parent notices & information are posted

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

#### KEY

<b>0</b> Does not exist in the center, but should	<b>1</b> Inadequate: requires improvement or repair	<b>2</b> Fair: should be improved	<b>3</b> Good: good quality or in good condition	<b>4</b> Excellent: first-rate or top quality	<b>N/A</b> Not applicable: doesn't apply to the home	<b>PR!</b> Priority! Don't forget to identify priority items	 Health & Safety	 Center Quality	 Maintenance, Repair & Aesthetics
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## 1.6 ENTRY IS SAFE

If there are stairs at entry, safety gate is used  
Appropriate measures are in place to ensure unwanted visitors do not enter home  
Ability to see who is at the door before opening by a video doorbell, door peep hole, etc.

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 1.7 ENTRY IS SAFE

If needed, home is accessible for people with disabilities

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

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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