



## Child Care Facility Inspections

A licensed child care facility has a permit issued through the North Carolina (N.C.) Division of Child Development and receives an unannounced inspection by the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division's Children's Environmental Health Section at least once every six months.

A sanitation grade will be posted in any child care program that has been designated as a child care center by the N.C. Division of Child Development.

Facilities are rated according to the number of points deducted (or demerits) during an inspection by an Environmental Health Specialist.

The ratings or classifications are as follows:

**Superior** – 0 to 15 deductions (no six-point demerits on the sanitation evaluation form).

**Approved** – 16 to 30 deductions (no six-point demerits).

**Provisional** – 31 to 45 deductions and/or any six-point demerits.

**Disapproved** – 46 or more deductions or failure to improve on a provisional rating (the N.C. Division of Child Development is notified for further action).

Areas checked during a sanitation inspection:

- Handwashing
- Water supply
- Lead poisoning hazards
- Beds, cots, mats and linens
- Personnel
- Lighting and ventilation
- Outdoor learning environments
- Food service equipment
- Toilets and hand-wash sinks
- Diaper changing facilities
- Toys, equipment, furniture
- Floors, walls and ceilings
- Communicable disease control

To learn more about the North Carolina rules governing child care sanitation, log onto [www.dch.enr.state.nc.us](http://www.dch.enr.state.nc.us), click on Environmental Health and then click on Children's Environmental Health.

To learn more about the N.C. Division of Child Development, log onto <http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/>.

To learn more about the childcare star rating system, log onto [www.ncrlap.org](http://www.ncrlap.org). This program is a collaborative project between the N.C. Division of Child Development and eight universities across the state.

For further information, call the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division at (336) 641-7777 or log onto [www.myguilford.org](http://www.myguilford.org)