



PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT Public School Pre-K Programs

Parent Aware is Minnesota's Quality Rating and Improvement System for early care and education programs. Parent Aware is led by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) in coordination with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).



Public school pre-kindergarten programs meeting School Readiness program and supervision requirements according to Minnesota Statutes 124D.15, charter school, preschool, and pre-kindergarten programs recognized by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) are eligible to apply for a Parent Aware Four-Star Rating through the Accelerated Pathway to Rating (APR). Programs with a Four-Star Rating are eligible to receive Early Learning Scholarships and the highest child care assistance rates.

I understand that the program must meet these prerequisites in order to participate in Parent Aware

1. My program actively provides care to children ranging in ages from birth to kindergarten entry.
2. My program is licensed-exempt.

OR

My program is currently licensed and in good standing with a Tribal Government.

OR

My program is currently licensed with the Minnesota Department of Human Services and does not have any one of the following licensing violations: conditional license, temporary immediate suspension, suspension, revocation, or a maltreatment finding.

I understand that our participation in Parent Aware will end and that our Rating will be revoked if our tribal license is not in good standing or we have one of the following licensing violations with the Minnesota Department of Human Services: a conditional license, temporary immediate suspension, suspension, revocation, or a maltreatment finding.

Responsibilities of Programs with a Parent Aware Rating through the Accelerated Pathway to Rating (APR)

1. Participate in Parent Aware evaluation activities.
2. Understand that your program will not have the option to withdraw a Parent Aware Rating.
3. Understand that Ratings are valid for two years.
4. If changes to sites and programs occur in the two-year Rating cycle, programs need to submit a Parent Aware Addendum application and send it to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Data Release

- By signing this Participation Agreement, you grant permission for Parent Aware staff (including Professional Development Advisors, Quality Coaches, CLASS coaches, and Parent Aware Raters) to view your Organization Profile in Develop, Organization Profile of all sites included in the application, and Learning Records of your staff if applicable.
- By signing this Participation Agreement, you grant permission for the Minnesota Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Department of Education to share your information with each other, with their contractors who need this information to do their jobs, and with researchers conducting evaluations of Parent Aware and related programs. The following data may be shared with the aforementioned agencies and contractors:
 - All data submitted, on paper or via www.developtoolmn.org, related to your program's Parent Aware participation and Parent Aware quality documentation, including all information in your Organization Profile and the Organizational Profiles of all the sites in your application.

- All data collected about the supports your program and staff received, both financial and otherwise, during Parent Aware participation.
- By signing this Participation Agreement, you grant permission for the Minnesota Department of Human Services to make certain information about your program and all the sites in this application **publicly available** on the Parent Aware website, www.ParentAware.org, and the national child care search engine. The following data about your program will be made public:
 - Your program’s name, address, contact person, phone number, for your program, and all sites included in the application.
 - Your program and all the sites included in the applications’ participation status in Parent Aware.
 - Your program and all sites included in the applications’ current Star Rating, any previous Star Ratings, and, if applicable, the reason a Rating was revoked.
 - The date on which a Rating was issued and the date on which it will expire.
 - The curricula used by your program, and all sites included in the application.
 - The assessment tool(s) used by your program, and all sites included in the application.

Individuals who knowingly provide false or fraudulent information during participation in Parent Aware will not be allowed to continue, will be required to repay any Quality Improvement Dollars, and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

On behalf of the program, I consent to participate in Parent Aware according to the terms in this document.

X _____
 LICENSED EARLY CHILDHOOD SIGNATURE DATE
 Must be the person legally authorized to sign on behalf of the program

X _____
 SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR (COMMUNITY ED, PRINCIPAL, SUPERINTENDENT) DATE