Two ways to meet 4 Star:
1) Meet all 2 & 3 & 4 Star criteria OR
2) Have a permit or license & meet minimum licensing requirements & all 4 Star criteria below
   PLUS
   a) Accredited OR
   b) Head Start

When you choose to meet by #1 above: meet all items listed in 2 & 3 Star CCC Overviews plus all of
the 4 Star items below.

Administrative
- Staff meetings are held every other month.
- Programs provide at least 2 staff benefits.

Master Teachers (MT)
- There is 1 full-time MT for every 30 children (of program’s licensed capacity).
- OST time programs and day camps have 1 fulltime MT for every 40 children (of the program’s
licensed capacity).

Learning Environment
- Lesson plans have learning activities planned for each child’s individual interests and needs.
  (Out-of-School Time programs don’t have to do this.)
- Lesson plans are reviewed by teaching staff and MT after using them to see how effective they
  were
- Teaching staff have weekly paid planning time outside of the classroom.
- Visual classroom schedules are used with children.
- The program regularly carries out 2 program-wide enhancement activities, such as:
  o additional inviting, hands-on, open-ended learning experiences
  o clubs
  o onsite dance, gymnastics, or sports lessons (etc.)
  o additional health and wellness activities
  o see Indicator/Evidence chart for additional options

Family Partnerships
- Family conferences are offered twice a year. Family conferences are offered once a year for
  programs that are not open year around.
- Four family events are held each year.
Additional Four Star Criteria

- Programs do 1 additional professional development criteria from the following list:
  - The director does more yearly training.
  - The master teachers do more yearly training.
  - The director has certain credentials or certifications.
  - The program uses ongoing evidence-based coaching.
  - The director and MTs have Pyramid Model training.

- Programs do 3 additional program from the following list criteria (Out-of-School Time programs do 2 accredited and Head Start programs are exempt from these):
  - Curriculum coordinator
  - Family orientation
  - Additional family partnership activities
  - Continuity of care
  - Child learning assessments
  - Additional health and safety activities
  - Child developmental assessments