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

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

Learning Environment
- Each day children can play with art, block building, book reading, dramatic play, manipulatives, and music and movement equipment.
- Lesson plans are used that are developmentally appropriate and that align with Oklahoma’s Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs) and/or Oklahoma Academic Standards.
- Caregivers do at least 2 physical activities each day with the children.
- One enhancement activity is regularly carried out, such as:
  o indoor or outdoor interest areas
  o additional inviting, hands-on, open-ended learning experiences
  o onsite dance, gymnastics, or sports lessons (etc.)
  o additional health and wellness activities
  o see Indicator/Evidence chart for additional options

Family Partnerships
- Two non-relative references are given to families.
- Plans are carried out for sharing confidential information with families about their child.
- Three family events are held each year.

Additional 4 Star Criteria
- FCCHs choose to do 1 additional professional development criteria from the following list:
  o The primary caregiver maintains a PDL Level 5 or above.
  o The primary caregiver does 30 hours of training a year.
  o The primary caregiver takes Family Child Care Home Leadership Academy.
  o The assistant caregiver gets 30 hours of training a year.
  o The FCCH uses ongoing evidence-based coaching.
  o The primary caregiver completes Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or Birth to Five Modules.
• FCCHs does either formal parent orientations or formal child orientations. (Accredited FCCHs are exempt from this criteria).

• FCCH chooses to do 2 additional program criteria from the following list (Accredited FCCHs are exempt from this criteria):
  o Developmental child screenings or assessments
  o Use a health consultant
  o Daily playground safety checklists
  o Annual staff emergency plan and procedure training
  o Participate in federal food program
  o Gets quality initiative certifications
  o Works with schools regarding children’s health & wellness