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Partnership recognizes three Caswell child care facilities for licensing successes

Congratulations to three local child care facilities for their outstanding increased star ratings.

Alice's Educational Wonderland is now four stars, Rainbow Educational Child Care Center and J&J Kiddie Kare are now three stars.

"We are pleased to have four stars and we are striving for five stars," said Alice Robinson of Alice's Educational Wonderland, who had many to thank for the increased star rating.

"My staff, who continues to strive for quality care, and for the parents who encourage us by allowing children to be here because they too are seeking quality care. The Partnership and Melanie McLarty, she gave us a lot of assistance, and Caswell County Partnership for Children always encouraged all centers to strive for more stars. Of course, I am thankful to God because He has allowed me to be here where parents entrust their children to us."

Kimberly Harris of Rainbow Educational Child Care Center also gave credit to the Partnership and McLarty. "The Partnership really helped out, especially Melanie McLarty," Harris said. "The staff does a tremendous job, and Geneva Knight, the Chairperson of the Rainbow board, is also a lot of support."

Lucy Holland of J&J Kiddie Kare said her mother has been especially helpful to her. Holland said she has enjoyed taking the classes at Piedmont Community College which helped increase her star rating. "I loved going to college and taking classes," Holland said. "That was a real boost for me and I'm still going. It made me feel better about myself. I always wanted to be a teacher. I loved it and I am excited about helping out the community."



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The star-rated license is a voluntary licensing system in which a child care program can earn points in three different areas: program standards, staff education and compliance history with child care regulations. This system provides information to parents about what level of licensing child care the program has earned, which can be a valuable piece of information when searching for child care.

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Lucy Holland, pictured center, with some children of J&J Kiddie Kare.



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