

Quick Check: Parent Board of Directors

A critical foundation to the success of many child development centers

Many nonprofit child development centers are governed by volunteer parent boards of directors. The center and board's level of functioning are connected. Make sure your board has what it needs to be successful so your center can achieve high quality for children and families.

Rate your board's functioning on these quality indicators



EXCEEDS



PARTIALLY
MEETS



NEEDS
IMPROVEMENT



Orientation and Annual Board Training

Each new member is oriented in a timely manner and the entire body receives board training annually.



Diverse Membership

The board roster includes at least one person who doesn't have a child in the center at present and one with expertise in ECE.



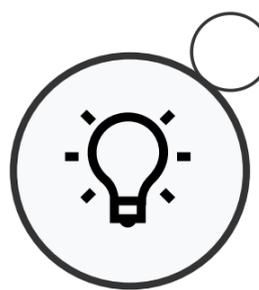
Regular Meetings

There is an annual schedule of regular meetings and associated files include agenda, minutes, and director's reports.



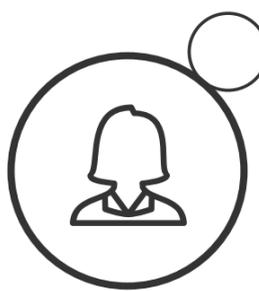
Strategic plan, outcomes, and measures

The board has defined the future success of the center, how to get there and how to measure progress.



Knowledge of center operations and finances

Members have the knowledge and skill to exercise oversight and responsibility.



Knowledge of center operations and finances

The board is able to manage and support the director with a plan for professional growth.

TAKE ACTION



Mostly Green Stars? Congratulations! Keep up the good work. A few tweaks and you are all set.

Next step: Invite the boards of neighborhood centers to participate in your next annual board training.



Several Yellow Checks? Keep going! Your board is on the right track. Build on your successes.

Next step: Identify the indicator that is easiest to complete and do that next. Celebrate that accomplishment and move to the next one.



A Red X or Two? You are not alone. Many centers have faced these challenges and made positive changes. You can, too!

Next step: Find a mentor center director or other source of support. Talk to your board chair. Identify two action steps per indicator and put the steps on your schedule. Little by little, you will get there. We'd love to help - give us a call.