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## **Morristown Neighborhood House Receives a 3-star Rating from New Jersey's Quality Rating Program**

**State-Administered Program Raises the Standard of Quality Child Care and Early Learning Across New Jersey.**

Morristown Neighborhood House, a subsidiary of Cornerstone Family Programs, received a 3-star rating for their successful completion of the rigorous, research-based Grow NJ Kids quality rating program.

Grow NJ Kids is New Jersey's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). It offers child care and early learning programs access to training, professional development, staff scholarships for continuing education and targeted technical assistance. Professional raters visit the program to review quality standards and then program participants receive ratings – up to five stars – by meeting an extensive list of quality benchmarks.

More than 40 states across the country have a form of QRIS. In New Jersey, the program is administered by the Departments of Children and Families, Education, Health, and Human Services.

The rating will help further the school's mission to provide quality child care for children ages 12 mos. to 5. The Pre-school and Toddler Program's purpose is to provide an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth and the development of the whole child.

We did it! I am extremely proud of the program staff and all of their hard work in achieving this goal."  
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"Grow NJ Kids offers resources to help educate parents on the importance of quality child care and early childhood education," says Andrea Breitwieser, Grow NJ Kids Coordinator. "It also gives parents and families the tools needed to find programs that will make the most of their kid's early learning experiences."

The Morristown Neighborhood House Pre-school & Toddler Program should be proud of their rating, as participation in Grow NJ Kids indicates they provide a higher standard of care, exceeding New Jersey's licensing standards, Breitwieser said.

Morristown Neighborhood House Pre-school Program was established in the 1950's and the Toddler Program established in 2004. The Morristown Neighborhood House has a long rich history in the community. Our programs continue to be innovative and are targeted to address and support children and families.

For more information about Morristown Neighborhood House, visit [CornerstoneFamilyPrograms.org](http://CornerstoneFamilyPrograms.org) or to find a participating Grow NJ Kids program near you, visit [www.GrowNJKids.gov](http://www.GrowNJKids.gov).