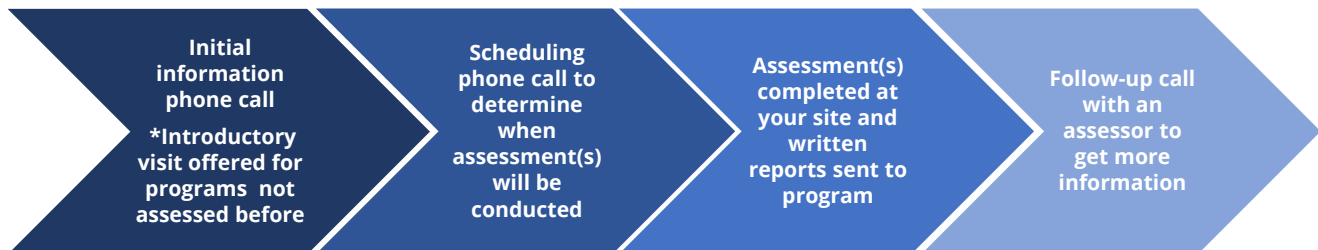




What is an Outreach Assessment?

Would your program like to have information from an Environment Rating Scale (ERS) assessment that does not impact your Star Rated License? Maybe you are wondering what an assessment is like or perhaps it has been a while since your last assessment, and you would like a refresher. Outreach Assessments are offered by NCRLAP free of charge, to eligible programs. Eligibility includes programs that have not been assessed before (or at least not in 6 years) and also many programs that are past due for a regular ERS assessment and do not have immediate plans to submit an assessment request. Outreach Assessments will help programs increase their knowledge of the assessment process and familiarity with the requirements of the ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS-U, and/or FCCERS-R. These are not official Rated License assessments, and the scores will not impact a program's Star Rated License. However, an Outreach Assessment will offer a sense of what the official assessment process is like since assessment procedures and the assessment reports are similar to the "real thing."

Outreach Assessments provide helpful information about a program's strengths and areas where staff may want to make improvements. It is intended to be informative and encouraging for programs that are considering increasing their Star Rated License level or want a practice assessment between official Rated License assessments.



Important differences between Outreach and official Rated License Assessments

1. The Outreach Assessment Report(s) will be sent directly to the program instead of the DCDEE Child Care Consultant, although providers are welcome to share the report(s) with their consultant or local TAs to ask for advice, suggestions, etc.
2. There are additional steps and benefits for Outreach Assessments that do not occur during the official process. For example, after the assessment report is sent to a program an assessor calls the administrator to help explain various requirements, reasons for scoring, and to discuss how to use the written report. Also, for programs that have not been assessed before, an assessor can visit the program prior to the assessment(s) to share information about the assessment process and ERS, answer questions, and help locate relevant resources available at ncrlap.org.

Are you interested? Want more information? Curious about whether your program is eligible? Please contact us: **(866) 362-7527**