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Childtime Learning Center in Stow Earns Step Up to Quality Award

STOW, Ohio, January 16, 2009 – Childtime Learning Center – located at 3101 Graham Rd. in Stow – is excited to announce that it has received a One-Star Step Up to Quality Award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Bureau of Child Care and Development. This award is in recognition of the early education provider’s excellent child care program and ongoing commitment to children.

Step Up to Quality is a voluntary rating system for early care and education programs. Participating providers can earn a one, two or three-star rating by meeting an extensive list of quality benchmarks. The rating system also gives parents a useful tool for selecting quality early childhood programs.

“To achieve this award, Childtime Learning Center must provide a higher standard of care that exceeds Ohio’s licensing standards,” said Terrie Hare, Chief, Ohio Bureau of Child Care and Development. “This translates to more teachers, a greater commitment to in-service training and a more nurturing environment for children to grow and develop. This outstanding commitment to children and early education is why Childtime has earned our One-Star Award.”

One Star Step Up to Quality programs meet the following criteria:

- Reduced student-to-teacher ratios
- Five hours of child development training per year (above current licensing requirements)
- Paid benefits to employees
- Teachers must be familiar with Ohio’s Early Learning Content Standards and trained to prepare children for kindergarten.

“Providing children with a quality early education program is of the utmost importance to us at Childtime,” said Kathy Madar, center director. “That’s why achieving the One Star Step Up to Quality Award means so much to all of us here ... it truly serves as a testament to our hard-working teachers, unique curriculum and state-of-the-art facility.”

For more information about Step Up To Quality, please visit www.stepuptoquality.org.

About Childtime Learning Centers

Childtime is one of the nation’s largest providers of child care and preschool educational services. Over the last 30 years, Childtime has earned a strong reputation and has grown into a network of over 250 centers. The home-like atmosphere of the centers and the personal attention students receive sets them apart from other national childcare networks. For more information, please call Customer Support at (866) 244-5384 or visit www.childtime.com.

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