

Together we are building StrongMinds



FOR PARENTS



Why is quality child care so important?

We know finding the best child care for your little one can be stressful. You need to know your child is safe and well-cared for. And you also want your child to learn and grow, so he or she is ready for school – and life.

You're right to want all those things. By age 5, 90% of your child's brain development is set for life. Your child's brain really is a sponge! That's why quality child care is so important.

And that's what Strong Minds is all about.

What is Strong Minds?

Strong Minds is Palm Beach County's voluntary, quality rating improvement system (QRIS) for child care providers. This is a national movement, with more than 30 states implementing their own quality rating improvement systems, so more U.S. children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

Quality early learning programs, like those participating in the Strong Minds Network, can make a big impact by:

- Improving children's learning and development
- Encouraging strong adult-child relationships
- Empowering families to be more involved in their child's learning





Why should I choose a Strong Minds provider for my child?

The Strong Minds Network is a voluntary system of supports for child care providers in Palm Beach County that help improve quality. Why? So more of our community's children enter kindergarten ready to learn.


Quality early learning programs in the Strong Minds Network are committed to:

- Caring for your child in a nurturing way
- Supporting your child's personal learning and growth
- Preparing your child for school
- Building a strong relationship with your whole family
- Becoming Gold Seal accredited within three years. For more information on Gold Seal visit: www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/goldseal

Strong Minds supports three levels of participation:

- **In-Network Status** – These programs have shown the highest level of quality.
- **Promising Status:** These programs are on their way, and have six months to reach In-Network Status.
- **Emerging Status:** These programs have shown a commitment to quality and have 18 months to reach In-Network Status.





For more information on how child care programs are assessed,
and a list of all programs in the Strong Minds Network,
visit: www.strongmindspbc.org.

Strong Minds – Palm Beach County’s Quality Rating Improvement System

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