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4 **10A NCAC 09 ~~.2823~~ .2829 QUALITY POINT OPTIONS**

5 Operators may earn one additional quality point as follows:

- 6 (1) Education options:
- 7 (a) Completion by staff of additional education coursework as follows:
 - 8 (i) 75 percent of infant/toddler teachers have obtained an Infant/Toddler Certificate,
 - 9 or
 - 10 (ii) 75 percent of teachers have completed an A.A.S. or higher in early childhood
 - 11 education/child development, or
 - 12 (iii) 75 percent of lead teachers have completed a BA/BS or higher in early
 - 13 childhood education/child development, or
 - 14 (iv) All lead teachers have completed an A.A.S. or higher in early childhood
 - 15 education/child development, or
 - 16 (v) 75 percent of group leaders have obtained a North Carolina School Age Care
 - 17 Credential or have completed six semester hours in school-age coursework, or
 - 18 (vi) A family child care home provider has obtained an Infant/Toddler Certificate or
 - 19 has a BA/BS or higher in early childhood education/child development.
 - 20 (b) Completion of 20 additional annual in-service training hours for full-time lead teachers
 - 21 and teachers, and staff working part-time shall complete additional hours based on the
 - 22 chart in Rule .0707(c) of this Chapter.
 - 23 (c) Completion of 20 additional annual in-service training hours for family child care home
 - 24 providers.
 - 25 (d) 75 percent of lead teachers and teachers shall have at least 10 years verifiable early
 - 26 childhood work experience.
 - 27 (e) All lead teachers and teachers shall have at least five years verifiable early childhood
 - 28 work experience employed by no more than two different employers.
 - 29 (f) Having a combined turnover rate of 20 percent or less for the administrator, program
 - 30 coordinator, lead teachers, teachers and group leader positions over the last 12 months if
 - 31 the program has earned at least four points in education.
 - 32 (g) In a stand alone school age program, 75 percent of group leaders shall have at least five
 - 33 years verifiable school-age work experience employed in no more than two different
 - 34 school-age settings.
- 35 (2) Programmatic options:

- 1 (a) Use of age/developmentally appropriate curriculum that addresses five domains of
2 development. This programmatic option shall not be available to facilities that are
3 required to use an approved curriculum in accordance with Rule .2802(d) of this Section.
4 (b) Having group sizes decreased by at least one child per age group from the seven point
5 level as described in Rule .2818(c) of this Section.
6 (c) Having staff/child ratios decreased by at least one child per age group from the seven
7 point level as described in Rule .2818(c) of this Section.
8 (d) Meeting at least two of the following three programs standards:
9 (i) Having enhanced policies which include the following topics: emergency
10 evacuation plan, field trip policy, staff development plan, medication
11 administration, enhanced discipline policy, and health rules for attendance.
12 (ii) Having a staff benefits package that offers at least four of the following six
13 benefits: paid leave for professional development, paid planning time, vacation,
14 sick time, retirement or health insurance.
15 (iii) Having evidence of an infrastructure of parent involvement which would include
16 at least two of the following: parent newsletters offered at least quarterly, parent
17 advisory board, periodic conferences for all children, or parent information
18 meetings offered at least quarterly.
19 (e) Completion of a 30 hour or longer business training course by a family child care home
20 provider.
21 (f) Completion of a business training course and a wage and hour training by the center
22 administrator that is at least 30 hours total.
23 (g) Restricting enrollment to four preschool children in a family child care home.
24 (h) Reducing infant capacity by at least one child from the seven point level for a family
25 child care home as described in Rule .2821(g)(3) of this Section.
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