



Preparing  
Children for  
Success

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**PRECIOUS LAMBS PRESCHOOL RECEIVES EXCELERATE ILLINOIS SILVER CIRCLE OF QUALITY DESIGNATION**  
***Shows Continuous Quality Improvement Commitment to Children in Grayslake***

Grayslake, Illinois - February 4, 2025 - Precious Lambs Preschool received the Silver Circle of Quality designation from ExceleRate Illinois, the State's Quality Recognition and Improvement system for early childhood education and care programs.

"ExceleRate Illinois helps families make more informed choices about their children's early childhood education and care," said Bethany Patten. "It establishes standards to help infants, toddlers, and preschoolers develop intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Additionally, it provides a framework for early childhood professionals to identify opportunities to enhance their knowledge and skill and providers to improve their practice."

"We are proud to receive the Silver Circle of Quality," said Sarah Lanham, Precious Lambs Preschool. "Providing quality in early learning and development will help our children in Grayslake be better prepared for success in school and in life."

Research in science and brain development shows that children who are more meaningfully engaged in early learning experiences from infancy through the first five years of life are more likely to be successful in school and in life. With the right engagement, children can form a healthy foundation of neural pathways in the brain, which impact their ability to think, react, process and grow.

ExceleRate Illinois is a comprehensive system that includes Licensed Child Care Centers, Licensed Family Child Care, Preschool for All, Center-Based Prevention Initiative Programs, Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

For more information or to find a Child Care Resource & Referral Agency in your area, visit:  
[www.ExceleRateIllinois.com](http://www.ExceleRateIllinois.com).

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