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Local Child Care Program Awarded Highest Rating

St. John the Baptist Preschool has achieved a Level 4 rating in Paths to QUALITY™. Paths to QUALITY is Indiana's quality rating and improvement system for child care programs. It is a consistent set of standards to help parents identify licensed family child care centers, licensed family child care homes, and unlicensed registered ministries that have met state requirements for health and safety. One of the requirements for Level 4 is national accreditation. St. Johns is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Gloria King, of St. Johns Preschool explained what this will mean for the children under their care. As a Level 4 program, we have committed to improving program quality by:

- Promoting positive relationships for all children and adults
- Using a planned, standards-based curriculum to help children develop their cognitive, physical, social/emotional and thinking skills
- Using materials and teaching that consider children's developmental needs
- Providing ongoing assessment of children's development and communicating their progress to parents
- Promoting children's health and safety

Paths to QUALITY is a voluntary statewide system created to improve the quality of child care and early education for children. It gives all families a tool to find the best quality program for their children and recognizes providers on a four-level rating system. The system has been studied and validated by the Child Development and Family Studies experts at Purdue University.

ST. John the Baptist Preschool is located in Tipton at 335 Mill St. They serve children ages three to five and are open from 7:30 to 3:20. They offer M-F morning Jr. Kindergarten, MWF 4/5 yr. old class, TT ¾ yr. old class and an extended day option. St. Johns teachers are licensed in Early Childhood Education and participate in ongoing professional development. For more information call 765 675 2422x104.