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Gold Seal awards are big boost to child-care providers

27 facilities cited for high standards

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Thirty-seven Broward child-care facilities that have exceeded all county licensing standards are getting a Gold Seal award of excellence. "This provides a benchmark for creating," said Angela Washington, Broward county

social services manager for the county's Child Care Licensing and Enforcement division.

The county's 2-year-old Gold Seal award program evaluates facilities staff, curriculum, staff-to-child ratio, admission records and sanitation practices, among other requirements.

Each of the county's more than 400 child-care facilities are inspected quarterly. Of those, 65 were originally awarded certificates, but 38 were eventually disqualified for serious problems.

"You have to constantly be in compliance, which is good," said Karla M. Quinlan, owner and operator of Montessori International in Davie. The 2-year-old award for infants through kindergarten has won the annual award.

The Montessori school, also named on the Gold Seal list, is full. Quinlan cares for 80 children with seven teachers. "It's not exactly what I want. It's quality that I strive for."

The Little Angel Day Nursery in Hollywood doesn't have to advertise. The 27-year-old preschool takes an average of

nearly 2000 children. Eight out of three teachers supervise 16 children, age 18 months to 3 years.

Laura Jones, the program's vice administrator, said Cynthia Harvath, principal manager. The program doesn't start on regular curricula, but the children learn to read simple words and perform simple math problems by the time they are 3 years old.

The Little Angel Community Center in Plantation, which also runs the after-school program at Little Angel Elementary School in Miramar, offers music, reading, drama, sports classes and lap-top dance

and other after-school programs. "We're really offering them only a few," said Brian Cohen, director of elementary and safety services.

Parents looking for good child-care providers can use the county list as a resource, Washington said. Even though the standards are high, the county doesn't make recommendations. "We're just providing a benchmark for creating," she said.

For more information about child-care facilities, call 334-2588.