

What Makes Ragamuffins Ranch Daycare Unique

We currently have the capacity for 30 Children and are a QRIS Step 3 Program We are a second term (each term being 3 years' time), Step 3 Program. April / 2024 completing a 10-month cohort to recertify, our Step 3 Quality. Step 1-3 are 10-month cohorts individually. I explain this to help the reader understand our level of commitment to quality practices. Currently we are applying for our Step 4 Cohort. Each Cohort (Step) is a 10-month process of onsite coaching, classes, assessments and observations of our program implementing short- and long-term goals, ensuring best practices are always being met. We are a Best-In-Class Kindergarten readiness program offering a sliding fee scale for the Best-In-Class children in the program, we are a member of the Childcare Aware Alliance program offering The Learning Beyond Paper Curriculum for our 0–4-year-old children incorporating purposeful play and meaningful teaching. We work with inclusions (Uspire), also Early Childhood intervention for speech. We are a Unique Program going above and beyond the day-to-day operations in childcare as the programs we participate in are not mandatory rather voluntary it takes a tremendous amount of dedication, time and effort to continue our education in maintaining Quality Practices, our goal is to provide a Quality Childcare Center with a focus on early childhood development incorporating social and emotional growth educating the whole child. We follow the practices of the ND Learning Standards in our curriculum, individual learning plans, documentations and assessments being purposeful in filling all the gaps the year before kindergarten.

We are a unique group of staff members; we are a very strong unit as a team effort in training all new staff. We have a 8-year and 10-year staff member who came to us as a stay home mom wanting to get social for her young child, she is now nearing completion of her (CDA) Child Development Associates Certificate, We have a 3-year staff member with her Degree in Early Childhood Development, we have a 6-year Staff working towards her (CDA) who started with us through the high school work program part time and is now full time, and a one-year staff who came to us wanting to work nearer to young children with a focus in college on inclusions in early childhood development, alongside myself with 21 years of experience in childcare holding a (CDA). These walks of life are potential staff we seek out as they are the puzzle pieces that help to create quality care in childcare. This is what makes Ragamuffins Ranch Daycare Unique! We will be starting our new building of a center offering 120 spots for children in our area.

With the support of our coaches and trainings we believe we are the difference between Childcare and Quality Childcare.

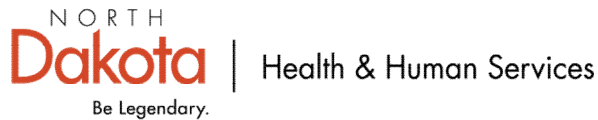
Mountrail County, we are a rural area Total Population in Mountrail County is Est (2023) 9,383 Stanley, Nd Est. (2022) 2,194

We are in Stanley, ND. Mountrail County. County's impacted are Ward County, Williams County and Burke County. We are in the Bakken Oil Field. The childcare Service will provide quality state licensed care with the capacity to serve children ages 0-12 years old in Stanley, North Dakota, and surrounding areas. Our facility will accommodate a maximum of 120 children, which would include two infant rooms. The two infant rooms would provide enough room to accommodate 20 infants, also two rooms for 18 months – 2-year-olds providing room for an additional 30 children. This would account for four rooms in total, dedicated to our need for infant and toddler care in our community. In addition, we will have one room for 3-year-olds which will provide care for 20 children in this age group. Another two rooms will be utilized by using one for 4- and 5-year-olds Best in Class Pre K Program offering a sliding fee scale, providing care for 22 preschool aged children. Lastly, to meet the community needs for before and after school care and summer care for school-age children there will be a dedicated room for 20 school-aged children 6 yr-12yr old. When I add these numbers to our existing 30 children, additional availability for 90 children.

The needs are tremendous! We utilize the services through Bright and Early, Uspire, Right Track and take children on the CCA (Childcare Assistance). We remained committed to childcare services throughout Covid 19 and believe beyond a shadow of a doubt that the service and grant incentives are what has held us above water and have been fortunate to remain open for 12 years in our rural area. The coaches and support services that we receive is what makes the difference between Childcare and Quality Childcare. The coaching support has provided the training, support and resources that allow us the benefit of longevity with staff.

Carol Maurer

Welcome to Best in Class!



Dear Families,

Your child's 4-year-old classroom has been selected to participate in Best in Class, a program funded through ND Health & Human Services that promotes quality early learning experiences for children in the year before kindergarten. Best in Class builds on program characteristics that drive results by offering affordable, accessible, and quality experiences to participating children in the year before kindergarten.

Best in Class benefits:

- Bases tuition on a sliding-fee scale so it is affordable
- Enrolls children of all abilities
- Provides individualized support for each child through high-quality teacher-child interactions
- Promotes free-play and hands-on learning experiences
- Offers a safe, high-quality environment for children
- Supports child health and well-being by offering health screenings
- Observes and documents children's learning and development (social-emotional, language, physical, cognitive, literacy, and math)
- Includes family engagement opportunities to support child development at home

Attendance:

Regular attendance ensures children benefit from participating in a Best in Class program and is a good measure of family engagement. It also establishes a routine that will benefit children and support their success in school and as lifelong learners.

Enclosed in this parent informational packet you will find:

- Child Information Form (*Please complete and return to program.*)
- Health Screening Permission Form (*Complete and return to program.*)
- Family Engagement Form (*Complete and return to program.*)
- Ready Rosie Flyer (*Family engagement and early learning resource*)

