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Macomb's 4C Child Care gets national quality recognition

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – Macomb County MSU Extension's (MSUE) Community Coordinated Child Care (4C) program has received the "Child Care Aware-Quality Assurance" national recognition for its child care education and referral services.

The Quality Assurance award, akin to being accredited, was awarded by the Child Care Aware Consumer Education Quality Assurance Program, a national voluntary certification for child care resource and referral agencies.

"Residents can now be sure, when they come to our program for training, education or referrals, they are getting the best help possible," said Mary Frontiero, program coordinator of MSUE's 4C Child Care program. "This award helps show the true value of the services we offer to the residents of Macomb County."

To get the Quality Assurance award, MSUE's 4C program had to undergo a year-long training and application process and an evaluation by a validation panel.

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The panel reviewed the application and conducted a series of “secret shopper” calls and interviews with key staff members.

This achievement puts MSUE’s 4C program in the top quarter of the nation’s child care resource and referral agencies for their consumer education and referral services.

MSUE’s 4C Child Care program is a free, non-profit child care resource and referral service that provides, child care education and resources, child care business training, child development training, lists of child care providers and information on choosing quality child care.

For more information on child care in Macomb County, call 586-469-7541.

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