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We Can Do Better: 2011 Update: NACCRRA's Ranking of State Child Care Center Regulation and Oversight

This [updated report](#) from the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) scores all 50 states plus D.C. and the Department of Defense on 10 program requirements and five oversight benchmarks for child care centers, finding that while progress has been made since the last update in 2009, half of the states still earned a failing grade. To find out how NC rates, click on the link above and then scroll down to view each individual state.

On the Home Front: Early Care and Education a Top Priority for Military Families

This [study](#) by Pre-K Now found that surveyed military families do not have access to high-quality early education and care for their children age 5 and younger, despite the pressing need for such opportunities.

Preschool: The best job-training program

You might not think of soft skills as skills at all. They involve things like being able to pay attention and focus, being curious and open to new experiences, and being able to control your temper and not get frustrated. All these soft skills are very important in getting a job. And [Nobel-Prize-winning economist James] Heckman discovered that you don't get them in high school, or in middle school, or even in elementary school. You get them in preschool.

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What is CSEFEL? Yes, it sounds kind of like a sneeze, but you don't need to say "gesundheit"! CSEFEL is the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning. To learn about the **North Carolina CSEFEL Pyramid Model Partnership**, here is an [overview](#) of the great things that have been happening since this partnership began in 2008. Reading it, you'll learn about CSEFEL and how it is supporting the social and emotional health of young children birth to age 5 in North Carolina.

