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Columbus Speech & Hearing Center Again Awarded 3-Star Step Up to Quality Rating

Columbus, OH - March 15, 2011 - Columbus Speech & Hearing Center is excited to share that we have maintained our 3-star Step Up To Quality rating!

Step Up To Quality is a voluntary Three-Star Quality Rating System that recognizes and promotes early care and education programs that meet quality benchmarks over and above minimum health and safety licensing standards. The steps are based on national research identifying the key benchmarks that lead to improved outcomes for children. These benchmarks include low child to staff ratios, group size, accreditation, staff education, specialized training, improved workplace characteristics and early learning standards. For more information on this rating system: <http://www.occrra.org/stepup.htm>

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center is now enrolling students for the summer and fall sessions of our Language and Early Learning Program (LELP) preschool. For more information, visit www.columbusspeech.org or call 614.263.5151.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center, founded in 1923, is a non-profit United Way organization serving over 10,000 people annually. Services include hearing evaluations, hearing aids, speech therapy for children and adults, occupational therapy and treatment, and vocational services for the Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf and Deaf-Blind through the Comprehensive Program for the Deaf and Ohio Deaf-Blind Outreach Program. Generous charitable giving from the community help offset the cost of the Center's valued services for low-income families. For more information, www.columbusspeech.org.