

# Go Green Rating Scale for EARLY CHILDHOOD SETTINGS

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## *New resources for green, safe, and healthy early childhood settings*

SAINT PAUL, Minnesota—October 28, 2009—For the 325,289 licensed child care facilities in the United States, it's challenging to know the steps to prevent inadvertent exposure to hazardous chemicals and conditions.

Redleaf Press's *Go Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings* and *Go Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings Handbook* are the first self-assessment products in the country to outline a research-based, comprehensive set of standards for green child care.

The *Go Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings* books give child care providers a much-needed tool to measure the greenness of their setting, evaluate their practices, and inform families about the benefits of green child care.

Categories evaluated in the rating scale include:

- Air quality
- Cleaning products
- Pests and pesticides
- Lead and other contaminants, such as plastics, formaldehyde, and fire retardants
- Stewardship and green living, including recycling and waste reduction

*Go Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings* and *Go Green Rating Scale for Early Childhood Settings Handbook: Improving Your Score* help providers take steps toward environmental improvement that will contribute to children's potential for long, healthy lives.

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