

Quick Facts: Better Beginnings Arkansas Quality Rating Improvement System

Not a New Idea

- 17 States have implemented a statewide Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
- More than 25 States are exploring or designing a statewide QRIS
- In 5 states (Colorado, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee), evaluations of QRIS have shown Positive impacts on quality

But a GREAT Idea!

- Recognizes progress
- Provides framework for self-evaluation and program improvement
- Assists parents in identifying quality
- Supports engaging, meaningful learning opportunities for children

Categories of Quality Requirements

- Administrative Policies and Procedures
- Administrator/Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
- Learning Environment
- Environmental Assessment
- Child Health & Development

Coordinates System and Programs

- Licensing
- Quality Improvement
- Technical Assistance
- Professional Development System
- Frameworks and Benchmarks for infant/toddler, early childhood, and school age

Important Features

- Voluntary
- Building Block System
- Recognizes unique program types: Center-based, family child care, school-age emphasis

When?

- July 2010 - Implementation

Incentives

- Enables choice in selecting how to spend incentive dollars

Related QRIS Resources [A Stimulus for Second-Generation QRIS News Release](#)

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