

Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCC/ECE)
Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Implementation Workgroup

The Division has created a QRIS Implementation Workgroup which meets on a regular basis to:

- Guide the QRIS implementation process and help ensure the necessary components and infrastructure are in place to support the System.

Components of the work plan for QRIS implementation are:

- Professional Development
- Incentives
- Field Study/Test
- Communication Plan
- IT Plan
- Policies/procedures, rules/regulations
- Division oversight and coordination
- Tool Kit
- Overall Evaluation

Subgroups of the Implementation Workgroup are currently meeting around:

- Incentives, including professional development
- Communication Plan
- IT Plan
- Policies/procedures, rules/regulations
- Overall Evaluation

The QRIS field study is underway; the projected completion date is early 2009.

The QRIS field study process consists of 3 primary elements: (1) Program portfolio, (2) Program evaluation, using environmental rating scales, (3) QRIS verification visit.

At the conclusion of the field study, the QRIS Implementation Workgroup will review the results and make necessary adjustments, changes, additions, etc. before implementation.

Implementation of the first 3 levels of QRIS is projected for early 2010.