



QRIS State Profile: Idaho

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
INTRODUCTION	
<p>The IdahoSTARS Quality Rating & Improvement System began statewide implementation in January 2010 after pilot trials during 2007 and 2008. Administered by the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, the system includes five tiers and eight quality standards. The goals of IdahoSTARS are to inform parent choice, improve the quality of child care, and prevent child abuse and neglect by implementing the Strengthening Families framework.</p>	
CONTACTS	
QRIS Name	IdahoSTARS Quality Rating & Improvement System
Organization	<p>IdahoSTARS is a joint project between the University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development (CDHD) and the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (Idaho AEYC). The project is funded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) and a Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG). IdahoSTARS services are being directed by staff members in seven regional offices and at the IdahoSTARS office at the University of Idaho in Moscow.</p>
Web Site	http://idahostars.org/?q=qrisc
RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS	
Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 Star ■ 2 Stars ■ 3 Stars ■ 4 Stars ■ 5 Stars

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Rating Assignment Method	<p>Composite system:</p> <p>All providers must be licensed to participate. A facility’s overall rating is determined by the total number of points earned across the eight Quality Standards. In this composite system, points are awarded for meeting all the requirements in each tier. In order to earn one star, a facility must earn at least one point in each standard. To earn five stars, a facility must meet all requirements in tiers 1-3 and earn enough points for five stars.</p>
Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments	<p>Points for the Environment area are awarded based on ERS scores.</p>
Program Assessments Included in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) ■ Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R) ■ Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R) ■ School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale (SACERS)
QRIS QUALITY STANDARDS	
QRIS Quality Standards: Categories and Web Sites	<p>There are separate sets of standards for child care centers and family child care (FCC) homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Environment ■ Education ■ Professional development ■ Inclusion ■ Strengthening families ■ Child-staff ratio ■ Group size ■ Business practices <p><i>Standards for Child Care Centers</i> http://idahostars.org/sites/default/files/documents/qriscenter_folded_poster.pdf</p> <p><i>Standards for Family Home and Group Child Care</i> http://idahostars.org/sites/default/files/documents/qrishome_folded_poster.pdf</p>

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Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child care centers ■ Group child care homes ■ Family child care homes ■ In-home child care ■ License exempt providers ■ Early Head Start programs ■ Head Start programs ■ Pre-kindergarten programs (as long as they are extended day and parents are working or going to school) ■ School-age programs
Use of Accreditation	Accreditation is not included in the QRIS.
FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Financial Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ STAR Rating Improvement Award Grant ■ Anniversary Award Grant ■ IdahoSTARS has a Professional Development System (PDS) that offers scholarships for participants. More information is available at http://idahostars.org/?q=scholarships.
Additional Information	The QRIS is under revision. The revised system will be launched in July 2014.