



## QRIS State Profile: Kansas

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
<p>The <b>Kansas Quality Rating Improvement System</b> is a voluntary 5 Star quality rating system for child care centers, preschools, Head Start facilities, faith-based preschool programs and family child care programs. Participating programs receive a comprehensive assessment that results in a 1-5 Star Quality Rating (5 stars being the highest possible rating). The Kansas QRIS is operating only in some areas of the State.</p>	
<b>CONTACTS</b>	
<b>QRIS Name</b>	Kansas Quality Rating Improvement System
<b>Organization</b>	Child Care Aware of Kansas
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/provider_kgris.html">http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/provider_kgris.html</a>
<b>RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS</b>	
<b>Levels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 1 Star</li> <li>■ 2 Stars</li> <li>■ 3 Stars</li> <li>■ 4 Stars</li> <li>■ 5 Stars</li> </ul>
<b>Rating Assignment Method</b>	<p><b>Point system:</b>          Providers accumulate points in the four standard areas. A maximum of 10 points can be earned in each area. The learning environment score must be at least two points to receive a star level above 1 Star. An additional two points are earned for accreditation. The highest level requires 34-42 points.</p>
<b>Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments</b>	<p>ERS are required to score points in the Learning Environment area. Between 0 and 10 points are awarded based on averaged ERS scores.</p>

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<b>Program Assessments Included in QRIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R)</li> <li>■ Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R)</li> <li>■ Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R)</li> </ul>
<b>QRIS QUALITY STANDARDS</b>	
<b>QRIS Quality Standards: Categories and Web Site</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Learning environment</li> <li>■ Family partnerships</li> <li>■ Training &amp; education</li> <li>■ Ratios &amp; group size</li> <li>■ Program accreditation</li> </ul> <p>Rating Criteria Chart  <a href="http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/PDFs/KQRIS%20Process%20and%20Rating%20Criteria-2013.pdf">http://www.ks.childcareaware.org/PDFs/KQRIS%20Process%20and%20Rating%20Criteria-2013.pdf</a></p>
<b>Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Child care centers</li> <li>■ Group child care homes</li> <li>■ Family child care homes</li> <li>■ License exempt providers</li> <li>■ Early Head Start programs</li> <li>■ Head Start programs</li> <li>■ Pre-kindergarten programs</li> </ul>
<b>Use of Accreditation</b>	Point-based star system. Accredited programs receive two points.
<b>Accreditation Organizations Accepted for QRIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ National Association for the Education of Young Children, Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation</li> <li>■ National Association for Family Child Care</li> </ul>
<b>FINANCIAL INCENTIVES</b>	
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