



QRIS State Profile: Michigan

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
INTRODUCTION	
<p>Great Start to Quality uses more than 40 different criteria under five Quality Standards to rate child care and preschool programs to ensure that Michigan’s youngest children have high-quality early learning experiences. Programs in the voluntary QRIS are ranked from Zero Stars (program meets licensing requirements) to Five Stars (program demonstrates highest quality).</p>	
CONTACTS	
QRIS Name	Great Start to Quality
Organization	Michigan Department of Education, Office of Great Start
Web Site	http://www.greatstarttoquality.org/
RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS	
Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Licensed ■ 1 Star and participating ■ 2 Stars ■ 3 Stars ■ 4 Stars ■ 5 Stars
Rating Assignment Method	<p>Point system: Quality standards are met to achieve the 2 Star level. The point system is structured such that child care providers need to get a certain number of points in multiple categories to achieve a certain star level. For example, to achieve 3 Stars providers must earn a minimum number of points in 3 of the 5 categories. Five Stars requires points achieved in all 5 categories.</p>

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Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments	Programs complete a Self-assessment Survey. If that self-assessment indicates quality at a 4 or 5 star level, the program then has an on-site validation and a PQA®.
Program Assessments Included in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ High Scope’s Program Quality Assessment (PQA)®
QRIS QUALITY STANDARDS	
QRIS Quality Standards: Categories and Web Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Staff qualifications and professional development ■ Family and community partnerships ■ Administration and management ■ Environment ■ Curriculum and instruction <p>About Great Start to Quality http://www.greatstarttoquality.org/about-great-start-quality#Childcare</p>
Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child care centers ■ Group child care homes ■ Family child care homes ■ Early Head Start programs ■ Head Start programs ■ Pre-kindergarten programs
Use of Accreditation	<p>An “Alternate Path” allows eligible NAEYC accredited programs to receive a 4-Star rating without having a Program Quality Assessment as long as enough points are achieved on the Self-Assessment Survey to earn a 4-Star rating.</p> <p>An Alternate Path program with a 5-Star Self-Assessment Survey must request a validation and Program Quality Assessment. A program with a completed validation and a Program Quality Assessment score high enough to qualify at the 5-Star level will post on greatstartCONNECT.org as a 5-Star.</p>
Accreditation Organizations Accepted for QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ National Association for the Education of Young Children, Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation

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FINANCIAL INCENTIVES	
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