



## QRIS State Profile: New York

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
<p><b>QUALITYstarsNY</b>, a project of the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC), is a voluntary QRIS for all types of early childhood programs. It works to improve the quality of care by assessing the learning environment and how the program functions, and by providing supports for improvement. Using a 5-star rating scale, QUALITYstarsNY will help families to make better informed decisions about their early education options. Currently, QUALITYstarsNY is operating only in some areas of the State.</p>	
<b>CONTACTS</b>	
<b>QRIS Name</b>	QUALITYstarsNY
<b>Organization</b>	QUALITYstarsNY, a project of the New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://qualitystarsny.org/">http://qualitystarsny.org/</a>
<b>RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS</b>	
<b>Levels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ One Star</li> <li>■ Two Stars</li> <li>■ Three Stars</li> <li>■ Four Stars</li> <li>■ Five Stars</li> </ul>
<b>Rating Assignment Method</b>	<p><b>Point system:</b>            Regulated providers receive a One Star rating. Programs or providers that wish to advance beyond One Star earn points for meeting standards in each of four standards categories. At least 10% of the total possible points must be earned in each category.</p>
<b>Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments</b>	<p>In this points-based system, ERS observations account for up to 50 of the 360 possible points.</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> <li>■ School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale (SACERS)</li> </ul>
<b>QRIS QUALITY STANDARDS</b>	
<b>QRIS Quality Standards: Categories and Web Site</b>	<p>There are separate sets of standards for child care centers, FCC homes, and early childhood programs in public schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Learning environment</li> <li>■ Family engagement</li> <li>■ Qualifications and experience</li> <li>■ Management and leadership</li> </ul> <p>Standards for Center/School-based Early Learning and Development Programs  <a href="http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Center-School-Based-Standards_2012.pdf">http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Center-School-Based-Standards_2012.pdf</a></p> <p>Standards for Family-based Early Learning and Development Programs  <a href="http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Family-Based-Standards_2012.pdf">http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Family-Based-Standards_2012.pdf</a></p> <p>Standards for Public School-Operated UPK Programs  <a href="http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Public-School-Operated-UPK-Programs-Standards_2012.pdf">http://www.qualitystarsny.org/pdf/QUALITYstarsNY_Public-School-Operated-UPK-Programs-Standards_2012.pdf</a></p>
<b>Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Child care centers</li> <li>■ Group family child care homes</li> <li>■ Family child care homes</li> <li>■ Early Head Start programs</li> <li>■ Head Start Programs</li> <li>■ Pre-kindergarten programs</li> <li>■ SED-registered nursery schools</li> <li>■ Programs contracted by a local school district to provide Universal Pre-k services, but are not licensed programs</li> <li>■ Special education preschools</li> </ul>

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<b>Use of Accreditation</b>	Programs that are accredited by either NAEYC (2006 standards) or NAFCC automatically receive a certain number of points. All programs have independent ERS observations.
<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>	
<b>Financial Incentives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Grants to programs to meet or maintain licensing</li> <li>■ Grants to programs to meet QRIS standards</li> <li>■ Quality Scholars scholarships for providers</li> </ul>