



QRIS State Profile: Wisconsin

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
INTRODUCTION	
<p>Statewide implementation of YoungStar began in 2011. YoungStar is a five-Star rating system for child care providers based on education, learning environment and curriculum, business and professional practices, and the health and well being of children. Providers that are licensed group, licensed family, certified family, or regulated by a public school board are eligible to participate in YoungStar. Licensed Day Camps will be added to YoungStar in March 2014. Programs that currently receive Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy must participate in YoungStar in order to receive Wisconsin Shares.</p>	
CONTACTS	
QRIS Name	YoungStar
Organization	Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
Web Site	http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/
RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS	
Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ One Star ■ Two Stars ■ Three Stars ■ Four Stars ■ Five Stars
Rating Assignment Method	<p>Combination:</p> <p>Providers accumulate points in the categories of standards to earn a YoungStar rating. There are minimum quality indicators that must be met at each Star level in addition to a minimum number of points that providers must earn in each Star level before moving to the next.</p>

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Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments	To achieve the 4 Star level, programs must have an ERS average score of 4. To achieve the 5 Star level, programs must have an average score of 5.
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 Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regulatory compliance ■ Education ■ Environment and curriculum ■ Business and professional practices ■ Child health and wellness <p><i>YoungStar Minimum Point Requirements</i> http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/minimum_points_required.pdf</p> <p><i>YoungStar QRIS Quality Indicator Point Detail for Group Programs</i> http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/point_detail_group.pdf</p> <p><i>YoungStar QRIS Quality Indicator Point Detail for Family Programs</i> http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/point_detail_family.pdf</p> <p><i>YoungStar QRIS Quality Indicator Point Detail for School-Age Programs</i> http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/pdf/point_detail_schoolage.pdf</p>

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Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child care centers ■ Family child care homes ■ License exempt providers (regulated by a public school board) ■ Early Head Start programs ■ Head Start programs ■ Pre-kindergarten programs ■ School-age programs ■ Day camps (participation in YoungStar begins Spring 2014)
Use of Accreditation	<p>Accreditation is an alternative pathway to achieving 4 Star or 5 Star status for programs, depending on the accreditation received.</p>
Accreditation Organizations Accepted for QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ City of Madison Accreditation ■ Council on Accreditation ■ Early Learning Leaders ■ National Association for the Education of Young Children, Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation ■ National Association for Family Child Care ■ National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
Financial Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tiered subsidy reimbursement ■ YoungStar Micro-Grant ■ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Wisconsin ■ R.E.W.A.R.D. Wisconsin Stipend Program