



# Silver State Stars Quality Rating & Improvement System(QRIS) Center Model

## *Creating a culture of continuous quality in early childhood education for all of Nevada's children*






### **What Is a QRIS?**

- A QRIS outlines the components of "quality child care" by utilizing standardized, research-based criteria.
- A QRIS provides a roadmap and support to improve the quality of early childhood programs.
- It creates stronger learning environments which lead to improved child outcomes.
- Through the QRIS, early childhood programs are assessed and given a number of "stars" to indicate what level of quality has been reached.
- QRIS standards include quality indicators that expand on licensing requirements in the areas of: program policies and procedures; administration and staff development; health and safety; and family and community partners.

### **Advantages of QRIS**

- Recognizes a program's strengths while helping them develop a plan for improvement.
- Provides access to resources (technical assistance, coaching, training, and financial incentives) that help early childhood programs improve and sustain higher quality.
- Informs parents regarding child care choices and become better consumers.
- Brings community awareness to the critical role that the early years play in preparing children for school and for life.

## SILVER STATE STARS QRIS REQUIRED CRITERIA

				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has current child care License</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center is currently registered with the Child Care Subsidy Program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center submits completed Silver State Stars QRIS Center Information Worksheet</li> </ul> <p>Silver State Stars QRIS is a voluntary program open to all child care centers in Nevada.</p> <p>One Star centers have signed up for the QRIS coaching program. They are working on making center- wide improvements to their policies, procedures, classroom environments, and staff professional development. By participating, centers are demonstrating a commitment to improving quality.</p> <p>It should be understood advancing from Star Level 1 to subsequent levels is an accomplishment that takes a significant amount of time and effort.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has current child care license</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center is currently registered with the Child Care Subsidy Program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Staff are current on The Nevada Registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 50% of enrolled children have been screened using the Brigance Screen III and entered into the Online Management System</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 25% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 25% of classrooms meet QRIS ratios</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has current child care license</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center is currently registered with the Child Care Subsidy Program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Staff are current on The Nevada Registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 60% of enrolled children have been screened using the Brigance Screen III and entered into the Online Management System</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 50% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 50% of classrooms meet QRIS ratios</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has a minimum average ERS score of 3.50 with no classroom score under 3.00</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Director has a minimum placement on the career ladder of 3.1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has current child care license</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center is currently registered with the Child Care Subsidy Program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Staff are current on The Nevada Registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 70% of enrolled children have been screened using the Brigance Screen III and entered into the Online Management System</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 75% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 75% of classrooms meet QRIS ratios</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has a minimum average ERS score of 4.00, with no classroom score under 3.50</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Director has a minimum placement on the career ladder of 4.2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has current child care license</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center is currently registered with the Child Care Subsidy Program</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All Staff are current on The Nevada Registry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 90% of enrolled children have been screened using the Brigance Screen III and entered into the Online Management System</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 100% of classrooms meet QRIS ratios</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Center has a minimum average ERS score of 4.50, with no classroom score under 4.00</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Director has a minimum placement on the career ladder of 5.2</li> </ul>
	<b>Quality Indicators</b>	<b>Quality Indicators</b>	<b>Quality Indicators</b>	<b>Quality Indicators</b>
	Centers must meet a minimum of four (4) Quality Indicators from each of the four categories listed below on pages 4-7, OR meet the criteria under 5 star "Quality Indicators".	Centers must meet a minimum of eight (8) Quality Indicators from each of the four categories listed below on pages 4-7 OR meet the criteria under 5 star "Quality Indicators".	Centers must meet a minimum of twelve (12) Quality Indicators from each of the four categories listed below on pages 4-7 OR meet the criteria under 5 star "Quality Indicators".	<p><b>NAEYC, NAC and NECPA Accredited Centers or Head Start Grantees</b></p> <p><i>(Note: Accredited centers and Head Starts must meet required criteria, but do not have to provide additional documentation for the Quality Indicators listed below.)</i></p>

## **QUALITY INDICATORS**

There are four categories of quality indicators:

1. Policies & Procedures
2. Administration & Staff Development
3. Health & Safety
4. Family & Community Partners

## **ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALES (ERS)**

Each center will be assessed using the following ERS tools:

- Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scales, Revised Edition (ITERS-3)
- Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales, Revised Edition (ECERS-3)

An overall ERS score for each center will be determined based on the scores averaged from 50% of the classrooms for each age group. Classrooms selected for assessment will be based on a random draw.

## **SILVER STATE STARS QRIS RATING**

A center's star rating will be based on a combination of meeting the required criteria which includes the ERS scores and the number of quality indicators met.

## **QUALITY INDICATORS**

The Center Model Quality indicators are listed and detailed on the Center Model Documentation and Guidelines Document. This document is available through the Office of Early Learning and Development or The Children's Cabinet.

## INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION

Coaching	The Children's Cabinet will provide an in person coach for each QRIS coaching cycle until programs have achieved a high level of quality and are in maintenance coaching cycles.
Quality Improvement Grants	The Children's Cabinet and Office of Early Learning & Development will provide one materials grant per coaching cycle. The amount of the grant is based on licensed capacity of the center and length of participation in QRIS.
Advancement Bonus <i>*This bonus is for an increase in star level and can be granted anytime during a coaching cycle.</i>	These bonuses are for programs that increase their star rating and range from \$250 - \$1000 based on capacity of the center.

Rated centers will be reimbursed based on the Star star level (1 to 5 stars) of quality attained by the center through QRIS. The reimbursement rates are as follows:

Daily Rates		Infants Star Rating					Toddlers Star Rating					Pre-K Star Rating					School Age Star Rating				
Area	Type	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	One	Two	Three	Four	Five
Carson / Douglas	Center	29	32	35	37	40	24	27	30	33	36	24	26	28	30	32	21	23	24	25	26
	Family	27	28	29	30	31	24	26	27	29	30	22	24	26	28	30	22	24	26	28	30
	Group	24	25	26	27	28	23	25	26	27	28	21	23	25	26	28	21	23	25	26	28
Clark	Center	31	36	40	44	48	28	32	35	39	42	23	28	32	36	40	19	24	29	34	38
	Family	30	32	34	35	37	27	29	31	33	35	26	28	30	32	34	23	26	29	32	34
	Group	28	30	31	33	34	24	27	29	31	33	21	24	27	30	33	21	24	27	30	33
Rural	Center	27	30	32	34	36	24	27	29	31	33	22	26	29	33	36	19	22	25	27	30
	Family	24	26	27	28	29	22	24	26	28	29	21	23	25	26	28	21	23	24	25	26
	Group	24	26	27	29	30	23	25	27	29	30	21	24	26	28	30	21	24	26	28	30
Washoe	Center	35	38	40	42	44	30	33	35	38	40	26	28	30	32	34	26	28	30	32	33
	Family	31	32	33	34	35	27	29	31	33	34	24	27	29	31	33	23	26	28	31	33
	Group	28	29	29	30	30	24	27	29	31	34	21	24	27	30	33	23	26	28	30	33

Note: Centers that have not yet been rated will be paid at the one star level

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