



Quality Rating & Improvement System



Creating a culture of continuous quality improvement for Nevada's child care programs

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What is a QRIS?

- A QRIS defines "quality child care" and creates stronger learning environments for children using a standardized, research based criteria.
- A QRIS is a framework that provides a roadmap and support to improve the quality of early childhood programs.
- Through 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.



The QRIS website provides:

- Statewide child care provider directory complete with QRIS Star Ratings, program operation hours, ages accepted, licensing history, employee education achievements, if care is provided for children with special needs and pictures of program environments.
- Steps to Choosing Care with tips on what to look for and what questions to ask.
- Resource links addressing school readiness, health and safety, food and nutrition, activities for children and so much more.

Do you know that the brain physically grows to **90%** of its adult size by age 5. The brain connections that create this growth are primarily based on the experiences a child has in these early years. Only enroll your children in quality child care/education programs.

