



Great Start Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

QRIS Field Test Design Committee

Scope of Work

February 22, 2011

Background

The Build Initiative made resources available to ECIC, which leads the Build work in Michigan, to fund the development of an innovative, affordable and sustainable QRIS for MI. ECIC, through its relationship to the state's Great Start Early Learning Advisory Council (GS-ELAC) requested and received the commitment of the GS-ELAC to sponsor the Great Start QRIS Design Project.

In March 2010, the GS-ELAC agreed that a committee should be formed to oversee the development of a design for a quality development, rating and improvement system to address program quality, across all child care and early learning settings. The Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)/Quality Development Continuum (QDC) Design Management Committee began meeting in May 2010 and developed recommendations for a QRIS/QDC system to improve quality across settings.

The QRIS recommendation for licensed and registered child care and early learning settings is a structure and process for determining the quality rating in one of five quality levels. The QDC recommendation for unlicensed providers is workforce development and training with incentives to support movement through the three levels.

The QRIS/QDC Design Management Committee presented the recommendations to GS-ELAC on November 17, 2010. The recommendations were approved by GS-ELAC and next steps included the developing a Field Test Design, for targeted implementation in Fall 2011.

Several QRIS/QDC Design Management Committee members expressed interest in continuing the QRIS/QDC development work and agreed to serve on the QRIS Design Field Test Committee.

Proposed Committee Membership

(reference -QRIS Field Test Design Committee Roster)

Karen Roback

Denise Smith

Kristin Tenney-Blackwell

Joan Blough

Alissa Parks

Barb Monroe



Sheri Butters
Jim Sinnamon
Sarah Bendele
Lisa Brewer-Walraven
Lindy Buch
Richard Lower
Keith Myers
Susan Hooks-Brown
Elizabeth Jordan
Jeremy Reuter
3 Parent Leaders

Purpose and Goal of the QRIS Field Test Design

(reference - QRIS Field Test Design Committee chart)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Field Test Design Committee is to develop protocols and processes to test the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)/Quality Development Continuum (QDC) recommendations, evaluate the design, and analyze the results.

Goal:

The MI QRIS/QDC Field Test Design is built with consideration for local infrastructure support, stakeholder needs, evaluation, and future statewide implementation.

Scope of the QRIS Field Test Design

In order to achieve the Goal described above, the QRIS Field Test Design Committee will utilize the following work streams (reference – QRIS Field Test Design Committee Work Streams):

Quality Development Continuum

Purpose:

Develop further the QDC recommendations regarding Great Start to Quality Orientation, level two trainings, and level three implementation.

Goal:

A quality continuum is developed for unlicensed providers.

Lead: Lisa Brewer-Walraven, DHS

Community Readiness

Purpose:

Develop criteria for determining QRIS field test communities.

Goal:

Communities have the infrastructure needed to support implementing a QRIS field test.

Lead: Alissa Parks and Karen Roback, ECIC



Standards and Points

Purpose:

Develop the point structure for the QRIS standards, based on beta testing.

Goal:

Point structure will represent the appropriate level of quality.

Lead: TBD

Quality Improvement Incentives

Purpose:

Identify and develop a list of proposed incentives for the field test. Develop recommendations for incentives directly linked to current quality infrastructure.

Goal:

Incentives support providers' participation in QRIS field test (QDC?) and are sustainable after the field test is complete.

Lead: Denise Smith, ECIC QRIS Project Manager

Communication

Purpose:

Develop a communications plan to share the field test, and a marketing plan for the communities chosen to field test the QRIS/QDC. Identify stakeholders.

Goal:

Regular communication with stakeholder constituencies about the design, the field test communities and ongoing progress of the field test.

Lead: TBD; contract with communications firm

QRIS Field Test Design Management

The QRIS Field Test Design Committee will consist of representatives from the QRIS Design Project Management Committee and other representatives from the early learning system who are critical to the successful implementation of the QRIS Field Test.