



WHAT IS A QRIS?

QRIS stands for Quality Rating Improvement System. It is a systematic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Similar to rating systems for restaurants and hotels, QRIS award quality ratings to early and school-age care and education programs that meet a set of defined program standards. By participating in their State's QRIS, early and school-age care providers embark on a path of continuous quality improvement. Even providers that have met the standards of the lowest QRIS levels have achieved a level of quality that is beyond the minimum requirements to operate.

Guiding Stars of Duval (GSOD) is THE quality rating improvement system for child care providers in Duval County. Child care centers and family child care homes can both volunteer to be a part of this program. GSOD participants commit to not only meeting the basic requirements for licensing set by the State of Florida, but they also agree to hold themselves accountable to higher standards by providing quality education and by helping children prepare for school. They also work hard to ensure all children in their care are safe, healthy, and happy.

A QRIS IS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT:

PROVIDERS

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PRACTITIONERS

so they can provide high-quality care and early learning experiences to children.

PARENTS

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CAREGIVERS

so they can find high-quality childcare with an easy to understand rating system.

CHILDREN

so they can have high-quality early learning experiences to help them develop skills they need to be successful in school and in life.