

CA~QRIS Framework

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Pathways

Rating Matrix Elements

Core I: Child Development and School Readiness

1. **School Readiness**: All children receive individualized instruction and support for optimal learning and development informed by child observation and assessment data.
2. **Social-Emotional Development**: Children receive support to develop health social and emotional concepts, skills, and strategies.
3. **Health, Nutrition, and Physical Activity**: Children receive support for optimal physical development, including health, nutrition, and physical activity.

1. **Child Observation and Assessment**
Desired Results Developmental Profile Assessment (DRDP) Tools
2. **Developmental and Health Screenings**
Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3)
Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)
Health Screening Form

Core II: Teachers & Teaching

4. **Effective Teacher-Child Interactions**: Teachers are prepared to implement effective interactions in the classroom.
5. **Professional Development**: Teachers are life-long learners.

3. **Minimum Qualifications for Lead Teacher/Family Child Care Home (FCCH)**
Early Childhood Education (ECE)/Child Development Units; Permits; Degree(s) Held; and Annual Professional Development
4. **Effective Teacher-Child Interactions**
Age Appropriate CLASS Assessment

Core III: Program & Environment

6. **Environment**: The program's indoor and outdoor environments support children's learning and development.
7. **Program Administration**: The program effectively supports children, teachers, and families.
8. **Family Engagement**: Families receive family-centered, intentional supports framed by the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors to promote family resilience and optimal development of their children.

5. **Ratios and Group Size** (Centers Only)
Centers only beyond licensing regulations
6. **Environment Rating Scales (ERS)**
Use tool for appropriate setting: ECERS-R, ITTERS-R, FCCERS-R
7. **Director Qualifications** (Centers Only)
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