

QUALITYstarsNY Participation Process

Recruitment & Readiness

- ★ Program attends QSNY recruitment session
- ★ Program & staff join The Aspire Registry
- ★ Program submits application to participate

Orientation

- ★ Program attends orientation session
- ★ Program submits Participant Agreement
- ★ QI Specialist visits program and schedules Standards Inventory Interview

Standards Inventory

- ★ QI Specialist conducts Standards Inventory Interview
- ★ Program gathers and uploads documents to database and ensures Aspire data is "current"
- ★ Program submits Standards Inventory

Provisional Rating & Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

- ★ Rating team evaluates documents and issues Provisional Rating
- ★ If Provisional Rating is 1 or 2 stars, Provisional Rating becomes Active Rating
- ★ QI Specialist begins ongoing work with programs to review rating and develop Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
- ★ Program begin accessing resources based on the QIP

ERS Assessments

- ★ Qualifying programs earning Provisional Rating of 3 stars and higher are contacted for Environment Rating Scales (ERS) assessments by independent assessment team
- ★ At least 50% of classrooms or groups are assessed
- ★ ERS results are used to update the QIP and inform the Active Rating

Active Rating

- ★ Rating team issues Active Rating for programs with ERS assessments
- ★ *Active Rating combines Provisional Rating and ERS results*
- ★ Active Rating is made public (*not currently in effect*)

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)

- ★ Program regularly meet with their QI Specialist and work towards achieving goals outlined in their QIP
- ★ Programs access a wide range of resources and supports aligned with their QIP to improve quality
- ★ Sites maintain their accounts in Aspire by regularly submitting evidence of ongoing professional development
- ★ After ~2.5 years, program returns to Standards Inventory and repeats subsequent steps to earn a new rating