



QUALITYstarsNY Newsletter

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QUALITYstarsNY is a framework for assessing, improving and communicating the quality of care provided by early learning programs. Through a wide variety of supports, QUALITYstarsNY also facilitates a continuous quality improvement process for early childhood professionals. A project of the Early Childhood Advisory Council, QUALITYstarsNY was created to improve the quality of care for our states' youngest children - the 1.5 million New Yorkers under age six - and to ensure their opportunity for high quality early learning experiences.



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Implementation Update

Since Summer 2012, QUALITYstarsNY has been working with approximately 400 centers, schools and family providers in the implementation process. The majority of center-based programs and family providers (71%) have submitted their Standards Self-Studies for review by the rating team. The remaining programs continue to work with their designated Quality Improvement Specialist to submit documentation through the online Portal. Sites that have submitted their Self-Study have gained access to a \$500 Support Grant for materials and to Quality Scholars funding for approved professional development and quality improvement needs. These programs have also been contacted by QUALITYstarsNY Environment Rating Scale (ERS) assessors to schedule site observations. For more details about the processes involved in statewide implementation, [click here](#).

School-Age Child Care Programs:

QUALITYstarsNY Reports Available Here:

[7 Reasons to Choose
QUALITYstarsNY](#)

[QRIS Brief](#)

[Readiness Evaluation
Report \(Oct 2012\)](#)

[Recruitment Evaluation
Report \(Dec 2012\)](#)

Our Partners

[NYS Office of Children and
Family Services](#)

[NYS Education Department](#)

[NYC Early Childhood
Professional Development
Institute \(PDI\)](#)

Draft School-Age Child Care Program Quality Standards are here!

Do you have a school-age child care program? We want your feedback! Please take a minute to review the Standards and complete a survey [here](#).

Part-time Job Opportunity

QUALITYstarsNY is looking for raters to review Standard Self-Study documentation.

The Rating Reviewer is responsible for providing key support in the implementation of QUALITYstarsNY. The Rating Reviewer will work closely with the Rating Manager, Project Coordinator, and other project staff to review the Standards Self-Study submissions and assess the quality of submitted early childhood documentation. This is an opportunity to gain familiarity with and contribute to QUALITYstarsNY's innovative program assessment strategy.

For more information, including the full position description and application instructions, [click here](#).

Curious about the QUALITYstarsNY program standards?

Developed using information from a number of national and state professional sources, the QUALITYstarsNY standards outline the elements of an early childhood program in ways that help all providers to understand the building blocks of quality.

QUALITYstarsNY has recently launched a **Resource Guide** on its website, offering additional information and materials linked to many of the standards. This Guide was developed for both current participants undergoing the Standards Self-Study process and all early childhood programs interested in quality improvement. The Guide answers critical questions like: Why is this standard important? Where can I find additional information? What are some of the tools that would support this standard?

[Winning Beginning NY](#)

[NYS Early Care and Learning Council](#)

[NYS Association for the Education of Young Children](#)

Have you seen the video?

Winning Beginning NY and Citizen Action New York are involved in a campaign to support the implementation of QUALITYstarsNY. They created a delightful video:

"What is QUALITYstarsNY?"



which can be viewed at: www.qualitystarsny.org

The video provides an informative description of the potential of quality rating and improvement systems in general and **QUALITYstarsNY** in particular.
(Now available in Spanish!)

Check it out!

Explore the Standards Resource Guide [here.](#)

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