MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS:
OREGON’S QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS)

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Session Objectives

- Participants will be able to…
  - Name and dispel three myths about Oregon's QRIS
  - Describe the pros and cons of participation
What is Oregon’s QRIS?
What is QRIS?

Quality
What is QRIS?
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Improvement
What is QRIS?

System
What is QRIS?

QRIS
Quality for Better Outcomes for Children in Oregon
Who is QRIS for?

- Formal care settings
  - Licensed programs
- 2 years in business
- Compliance history
Oregon’s QRIS: History and Field Test
Oregon’s QRIS is Not New

- National QRIS
- Quality Indicators
- Oregon’s Programs of Quality
- Targeted Research
- Oregon Registry
Oregon’s QRIS Field Test

- Field test available statewide
- Teen Parent Programs
- NAEYC, NAFCC, ACSI, OPQ
- Head Start

January 2013:
- Multnomah
- Deschutes/Crook/Jefferson
- Linn/Benton
- Lane/Douglas

Fall 2013:
- Teen Parent Programs
- NAEYC, NAFCC, ACSI, OPQ
- Head Start

March 2014:
- Field test available statewide
Oregon’s QRIS Overview

So, what is it?
QRIS Components

- Building Block with 5 Tiers
- 5 Domains
- 2 Versions of Materials

Quality Improvement

- Quality Improvement Plans
- Self-Assessments
- Supports

Quality Rating

- Portfolio System of Documentation
- Incentives
Oregon’s QRIS 5 Tier Building Block System

- Supports for Quality Improvement
- Commitment to Quality
- Licensed

Incentives for Quality Rating
QRIS Standards Structure

- **Domains**
  - Overall categories of quality
  - 5 total

- **Standards**
  - Program standards, organized by domain
  - 33 total

- **Indicators**
  - Star levels of standards
  - Usually 3 per standard
  - Some standards only have 1 or 2 indicators

- **Evidence**
  - Found in portfolio only
  - Measurable structural indicators that standard is present in program
## QRIS Domains and Standards

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Star Level Indicators: Building Block

- **5-Star**
- **4-Star**
- **3-Star**
Activity

- What have you heard about Oregon’s QRIS?
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<td>Update policies or practices</td>
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<td>Recognized for quality and professionalism</td>
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Is the QRIS for you?

☐ Why?

☐ Why not?
THANK YOU!