

## Oregon's QRIS

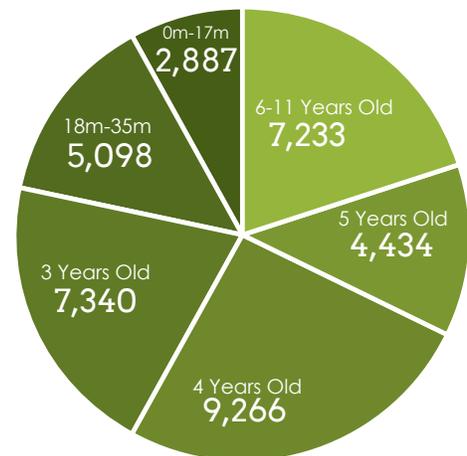
Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is a system designed to raise the quality and consistency of early learning programs across the state. Oregon's QRIS aligns with the national trend of QRISs that recognizes, rewards, and builds on the current quality of early learning. The QRIS provides a framework for program quality improvement while providing a tool that helps parents looking for quality early learning and care options.

The Oregon QRIS is currently conducting a statewide **field test** of all elements of the program, and the goal of the QRIS Data Facts is to provide updates on the QRIS process evaluation being conducted at the Teaching Research Institute.

Visit <http://www.oregonqris.org> for more information on requirements and standards.

## Children Impacted by the QRIS

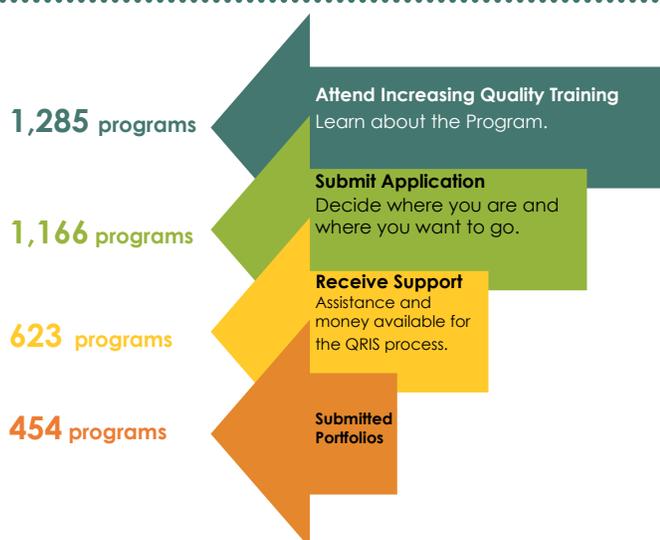
As of April 30, 2015, there were 36,258 children in Early Learning & Development Programs (ELDPs) that have achieved a Commitment to Quality (C2Q) rating or above. Four in five (82%) of those children are in child care centers, 11% are in certified family child care, and 7% are in registered family child care. ELDPs that have attained a 3, 4 or 5 star rating provide service to 8,620 children. The age distribution of children in C2Q or star rated programs is highlighted in the figure.



Total Children in Programs Participating in QRIS

# 36,258

## QRIS Process



## QRIS Teamwork in Action

The Center on Early Learning hosted a Spring Symposium on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Ninety Quality Improvement Specialists and other early learning professionals received professional development to continue supporting child care programs in the QRIS process. Tom Udell, Director of the Center on Early Learning, delivered a "State of the QRIS" address followed by breakout sessions and facilitated discussions.

Some of the session topics included:

- Early Learning and ASQ Training
- Using QRIS in our Work with Families
- The QRIS Validation Studies
- Messaging for QRIS in the Next Phase
- The Oregon Registry and How it Supports QRIS
- Exploring Tools that Help Guide Coaching for Quality Improvements

**"The staff/trainers are always helpful and open to listen to our ideas and feedback. They are also willing to implement ideas that will help improve the system/process."**

**"Appreciate all the signs and personal attention to giving directions and welcoming participants."**

## Portfolio Numbers

As of April 30, 2015, we had received 552 portfolios. This includes 98 re-submissions for a higher rating. Of these 98 resubmissions, 85 have already been rescored, with 79 programs moving up in ratings.

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### Star Rated Programs

	Number of Licensed Programs (New in April)	Achieved Commitment to Quality (C2Q)	3	4	5
 CC	978 (8)	317	45	11	18
 CF	689 (13)	181	40	16	26
 RF	2,443 (21)	220	42	4	1
 HS	179 (4)	89	0	12	26
 Totals	4,289	807	127	43	71

CC = Certified Center; CF = Certified Family; RF = Registered Family; HS = Head Start

(Accredited Programs are captured within each program type: 30 CC, 21 CF, 2 RF.)

## Notes from Providers

In April, QRIS staff presented a variety of training sessions at OregonAEYC's Spring Professional Development Institute in Eugene, OR, where they interacted with many QRIS participants. During a keynote address, a panel of 3-Star rated quality programs—Ellie Vaughn of Ellie's Preschool and Daycare, Julie Gernhardt of Footprints Childcare, and Carole Diller of Temple Beth Israel School—spoke to the crowd of about 150 professionals about their experiences with QRIS and the benefits that QRIS participation has brought to their programs. QRIS staff also presented at the Central Oregon Chapter OregonAEYC Annual Spring Conference in Bend, OR, and received written feedback about QRIS from participants. Here is what some had to say:

“This was a journey. As I reflect back on it now, I see growth and awareness. Initially it felt overwhelming and pointless. Today I feel a sense of pride, excitement, and [being] part of an elite team that understands the value of early education, not just a job and paycheck.”

– Tammie Birkeland, Tendur Blessings Child Care & Preschool, Sisters, OR, Registered Family Child Care

“I want other caregivers to know that QRIS is a win-win! You improve your ability, performance, and quality of care.”

– Holley Martin, Holley's Child Care, Bend, OR, Registered Family Child Care

“QRIS is amazing. This started me thinking of my education and now I am working, a mom of 5, and a full-time (18 credits) college student. Thank you QRIS!”

– Lisa Mathis, Lisa's Family Daycare, Redmond, OR, Registered Family Child Care

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