

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 Research Institute.

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

Children Impacted by the QRIS

As of May 31 2015, there were 36,780 children in Early Learning & Development Programs (ELDPs) that had 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 8,852 children. The age distribution of children in C2Q or star rated programs is highlighted in the figure.



Total Children in Programs Participating in QRIS

36,780

QRIS Process



2015 Exceptional Emerging Leader

Robyn Lopez Melton Honored as 2015 Exceptional Emerging Leader in Early Childhood Education

TRI's Robyn Lopez Melton, the Project Coordinator of Oregon's QRIS, received another national honor, and we at TRI couldn't be prouder.

Robyn was recognized by Exchange Press as an Exceptional Emerging Leader in the field of early childhood education. Robyn was chosen as one of 50 Emerging Leaders who were designated as Exceptional.

You can find Robyn's profile in the May/June issue of exchange Magazine or read the article online here:

<http://www.childcareexchange.com/leadership/exceptional-emerging-leaders-2015/nggallery//page/30>

Congratulations, Robyn!

Portfolio Numbers

As of May 31, 2015, we received 562 portfolios. This includes 108 re-submissions for a higher rating. Of these 108 resubmissions, 94 have already been rescored, with 86 programs moving up in ratings.



Star Rated Programs

	Number of Licensed Programs (New in April)	Achieved Commitment to Quality (C2Q)	3	4	5
CC	987 (4)	320	49	11	18
CF	706 (10)	181	41	16	27
RF	2,448 (17)	233	41	4	2
HS	185 (6)	88	0	13	27
Totals	4,326	822	131	44	74

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.)

Program Feedback

In an online survey among programs that submitted a portfolio, 245 respondents answered an open-ended question about what they learned about their own facility as a result of participating in the QRIS. The top three areas mentioned included:

- 52% - Awareness of their own needs/a fresh look at their program/ areas that need some improvement
- 37% - Recognition of their facility's existing quality
- 19% - The need for increased professionalism and professional development

"I think the most significant thing was that it helped to see our center through another set of "lenses." This can be difficult to do when you have many years in the same place, so seeing an "outside" perspective through this process was helpful. It was affirming in many areas and drew attention to other areas of needed smaller or larger focus. It really helped many of my staff also get motivated to move up the registry steps, essentially "lighting a fire" that I've been struggling to ignite for some."

- Certified Child Care Center

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