

# Oregon's QRIS:

Developed With Oregon In Mind



Oregon's has a unique and rich early learning landscape. The development of Oregon's QRIS was guided by national standards and customized to recognize quality practices in Oregon's formalized early learning and development programs.

## Evolved from prior efforts & initiatives in Oregon



**EQUIP: Education & Quality Investment Partnership** was a public and private initiative to improve the quality of child care programs, strengthen the childhood care and education workforce and prepare Oregon's youngest children for success in school.

- ☆ Supported several strategies to document and support individual care and education providers' professional development.
- ☆ Provided support and guidance for Oregon's Quality Indicator Program and Oregon Programs of Quality.
- ☆ Provided professional development supports through scholarships and education awards.

### Oregon's Quality Indicator Program



Provided valuable data via measurements of research-based quality indicators that were used to predict the impact of QRIS standards and anticipate program ratings.

### Oregon Programs of Quality (OPQ): Portfolio Model



OPQ was the stepping stone between basic licensure requirements and national accreditation. OPQ is the foundation for Oregon's QRIS portfolio and tiered rating system.

## Grounded in national standards & research based practices

### National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

The standard for center based early childhood education programs.

### National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

The only nationally recognized accreditation for family child care providers.

### Head Start Performance Standards

Comprehensive standards that ensure quality in programs nationwide.

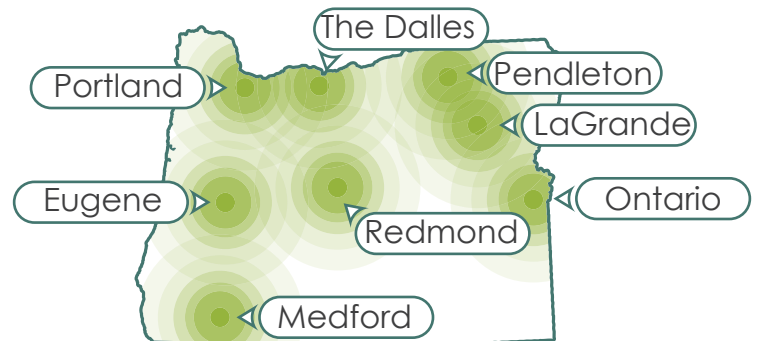
The **NAEYC**, **NAFCC** and **Head Start** performance standards were reviewed and incorporated with Oregon in mind, creating a tiered system of standards higher than licensing and leading to high levels of quality while remaining achievable and cost effective for programs.

# Guided By Input From State Partners & Early Learning & Development Programs

Focus Groups were conducted in English, Spanish and Russian with over 250 early learning and development programs across Oregon.

Focus group were conducted with a variety of state partners including:

- ☆ Child Care Resource and Referral agencies
- ☆ Oregon's licensing specialists
- ☆ Health and Nutrition specialists



## Refined with consultation & feedback from national experts

Oregon's QRIS has benefited from consultation from the BUILD Initiative and the QRIS National Learning Network. This work included:



Learning Tables

- ☆ Learning tables on equity and diversity, continuous quality improvement, developing standards, and monitoring.
- ☆ Review of standards by a national expert on cultural and linguistic competency.
- ☆ Cost Modeling of standards implementation.

## Oregon's QRIS a comprehensive system

- ☆ Comprehensive system comprised of five components:
  - ★ Standards
  - ★ Supports
  - ★ Incentives
  - ★ Consumer Education
  - ★ Rating/monitoring
- ☆ Able to meet programs where they are and recognizing quality across the diversity of Oregon's early learning and development programs. Oregon's QRIS connects all types of eligible programs with free tools, financial incentives and professional advice. Examples of programs that benefit are:
  - ★ Family and center-based programs
  - ★ Urban and rural programs
  - ★ Programs serving culturally and linguistically diverse children
- ☆ Utilizes a cost effective portfolio system which is available in English, Spanish, and Russian
- ☆ Builds upon the strengths of Oregon's Professional Development System