

# Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System and Education Service Districts

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# Introduction

- Who has heard about QRIS?
- What have you heard about QRIS?

# Session Objectives

Participants will understand:

- Purpose of Oregon's QRIS and how it was developed.
- How Oregon's QRIS may support and impact the work of ESDs.
- How Oregon's QRIS and ESDs can work together.

Purpose and a brief history

# OREGON'S QRIS



# Oregon's QRIS Purpose

- Funded as part of Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge federal grant.
- Raise the quality of child care and early learning programs.
- Provide resources and supports to improve programs.
- Recognize program quality through a rating system.
- Help programs serve and support needs of all children.

# What is QRIS?

Quality



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Rating





# What is QRIS?

Improvement



# What is QRIS?

System

What is QRIS?

QRIS

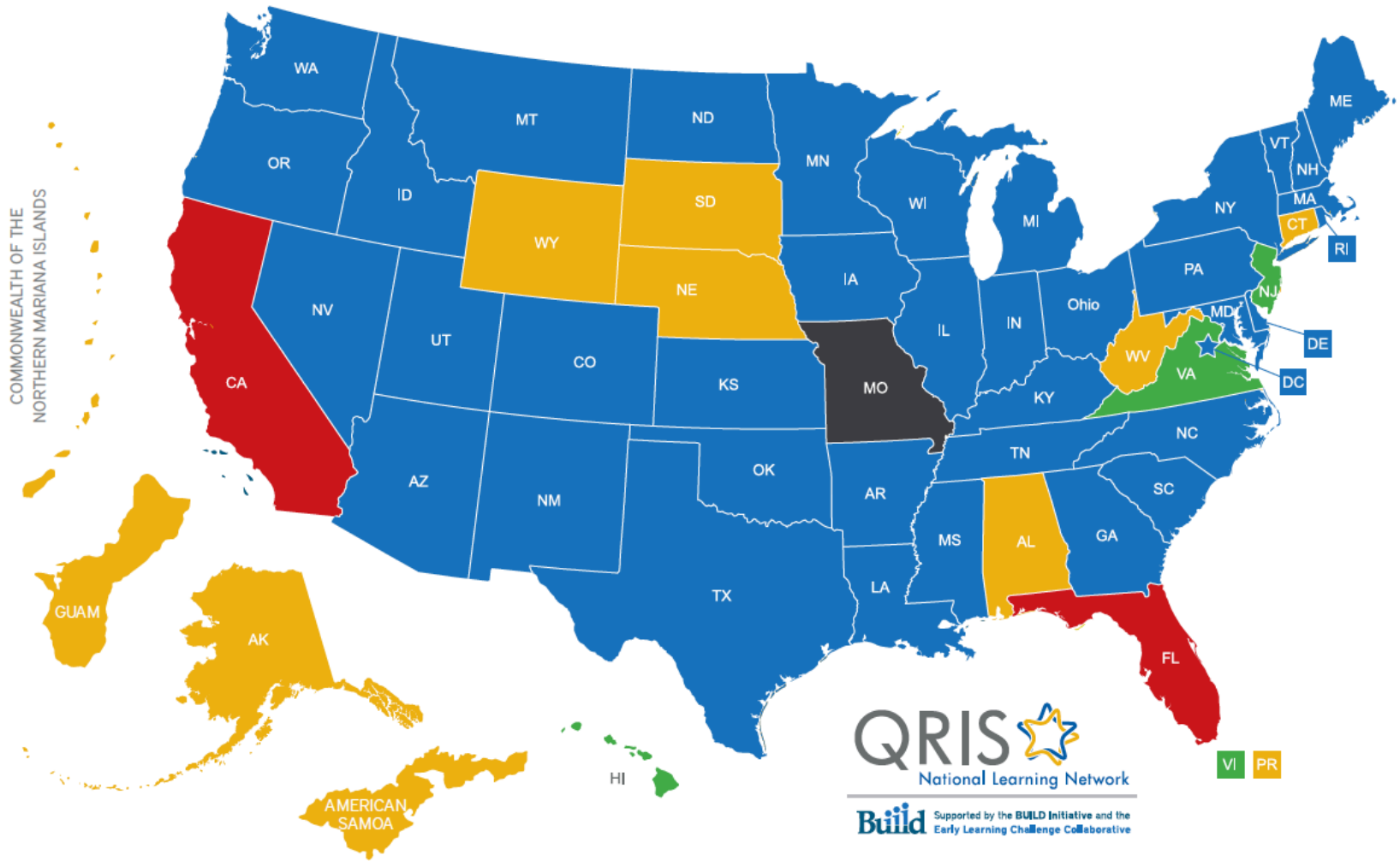
Quality for Better

Outcomes for Children

in Oregon

# Current Status of QRIS in States

August 2013



**QRIS**   
National Learning Network

**Build** Supported by the BUILD Initiative and the Early Learning Challenge Collaborative

# Oregon Partners



# Field Test

## Process Evaluation

- WOU
- Looks at QRIS process
- Does QRIS lead to quality improvement?
- Which parts of the process are vital, which can we streamline?
- Cost effective

## Validation Study

- OSU and PSU
- Study of difference in quality between each star level
- Uses CLASS
- Will have a child outcome study in the future

Overview

# OREGON'S QRIS



# 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



# 5 Tier Building Block System



# QRIS Domains and Standards

Children's  
Learning and  
Development

• 12 standards

Health and  
Safety

• 6 Standards

Family  
Partnerships

• 4 Standards

Personnel  
Qualifications

• 5 Standards

Administration  
and Business  
Practices

• 6 Standards

# QRIS Standards Structure

## Domains

- Overall categories of quality
- 5 Total

## Standards

- Program standards, organized by domain
- 33 Total

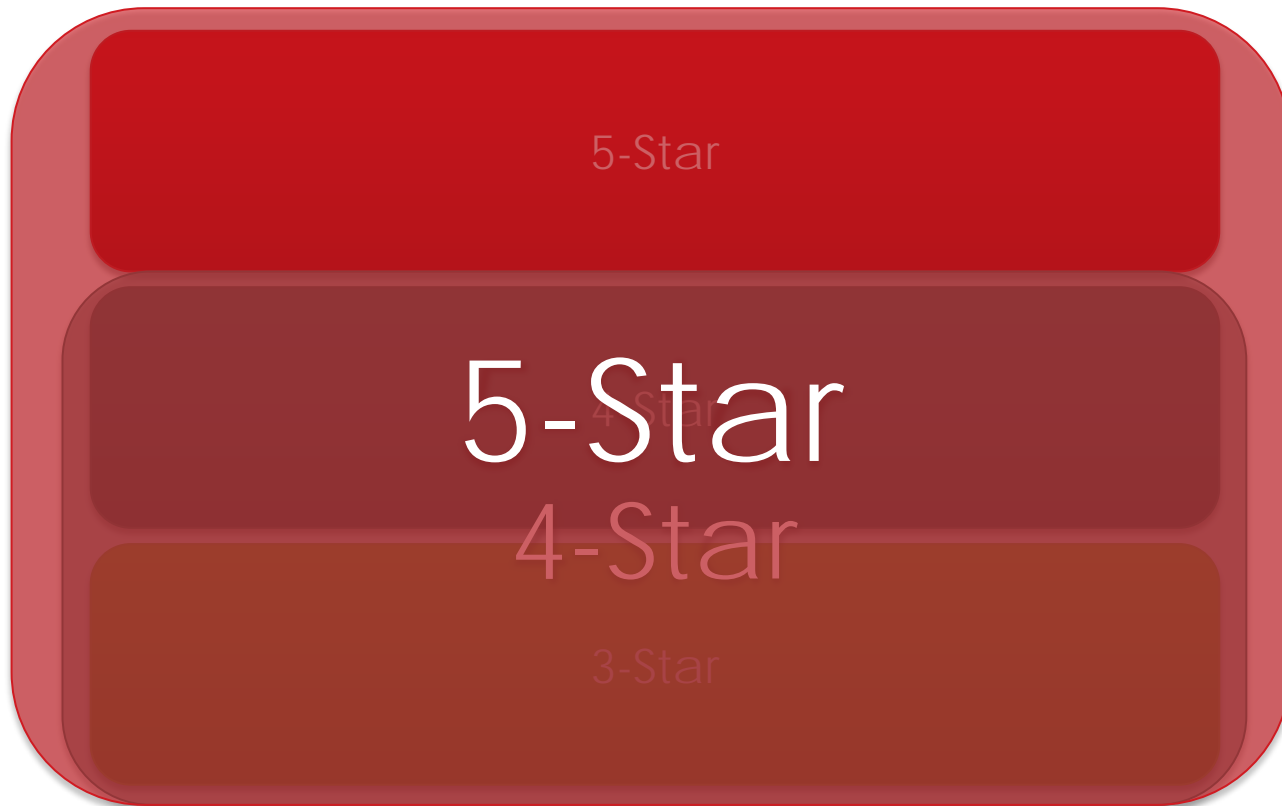
## Indicators

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

## Evidence

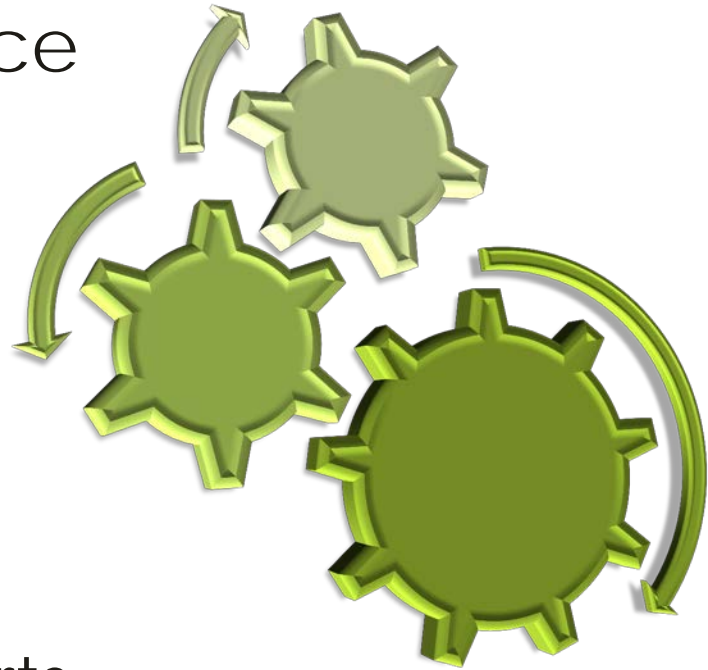
- Found in portfolio only
- Measurable structural indicators that standard is present in program

# Star Level Indicators: Building Block

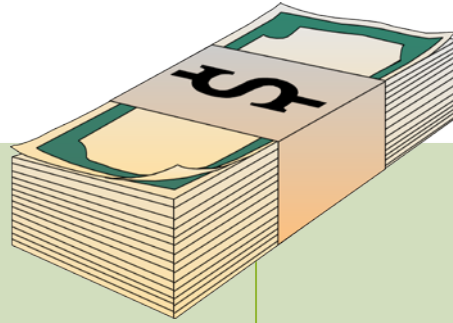


# Portfolio System

- Balance of evidence
  - Data
  - Documentation
  - Report
  - Observation
- Reviewed by experts



# Guiding Principle

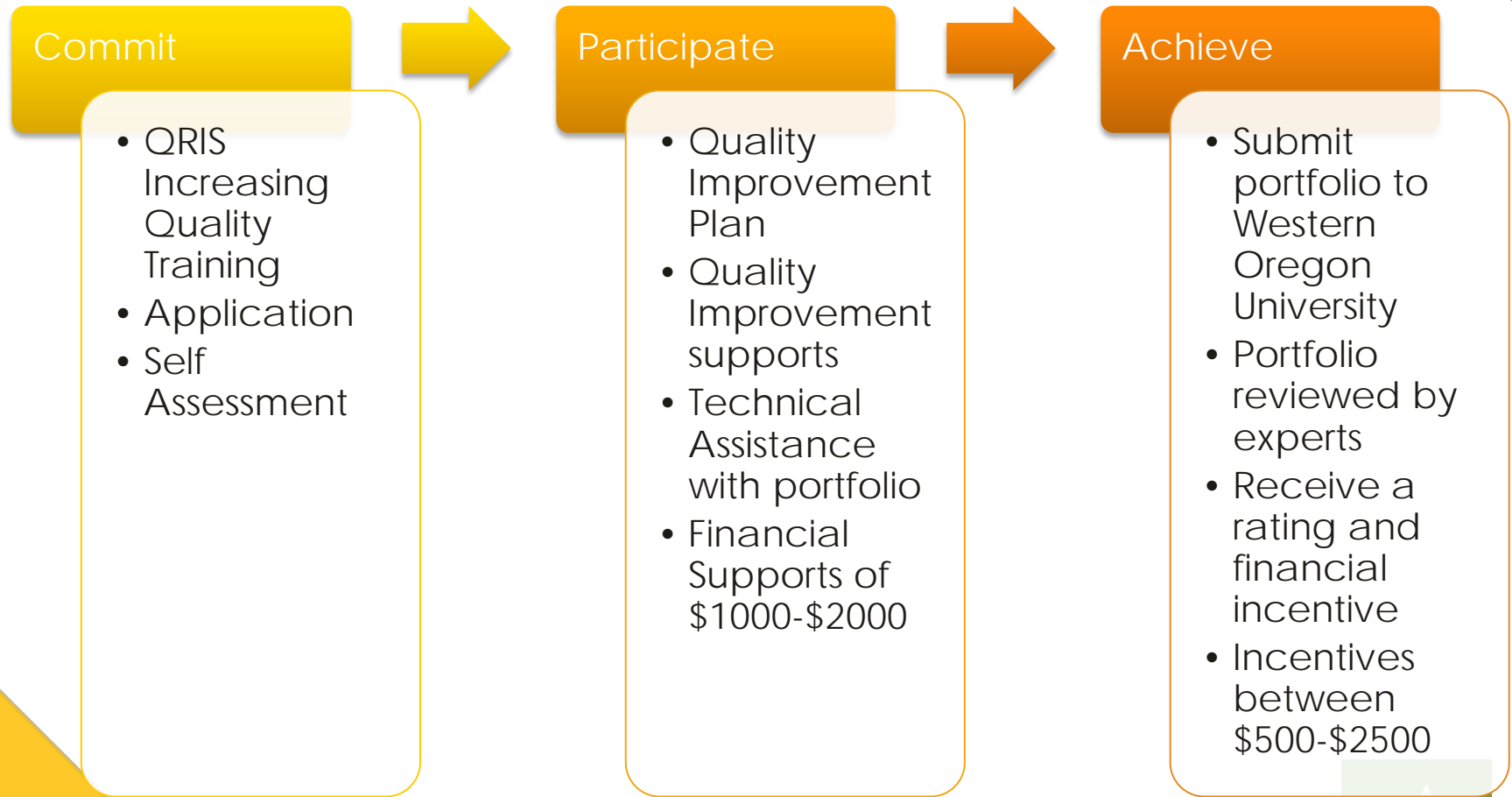


Supporting  
programs



Rating  
programs

# Basics of the QRIS Process



Discussion:

1) How can Oregon's QRIS support and impact ESDs?

2) How can Oregon's QRIS and ESDs work together?



# Locating Rated Programs

<http://teachingresearchinstitute.org/projects/qrisk/programsearch>



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## Oregon's QRIS Rated Program Search

Search here to find child care in your area. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of programs in your area: It reflects only programs that applied for a Commitment to Quality designation or a star rating in the QRIS.

Though the QRIS is intended to be a measure of quality, inclusion on this list does not necessarily constitute endorsement from the Center on Early Learning, The Research Institute, or Western Oregon University.

The ratings on this list are updated on a monthly basis.

# For More Information on QRIS

<http://teachingresearchinstitute.org/projects/qris>



QUESTIONS?

**Thank You!**