

Materials Packet
Child Care and Education Workgroup
Of the
Early Learning Council

Workgroup Meeting

April 17, 2014

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Data Facts

March 31, 2014

www.wou.edu/tri/QRIS



Oregon's QRIS

Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) is a system designed to raise the quality and consistency of child care and 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 and development programs (ELDPs). The QRIS provides a framework for quality improvement for ELDPs while providing a tool that helps parents looking for quality early learning and care options.

Oregon's QRIS is currently being field tested in four regions covering eight of Oregon's counties. The statewide implementation started in March 2014. The goal of the QRIS Data Facts is to provide updates on the QRIS process evaluation being conducted at the Teaching Research Institute.

How an ELDP progresses

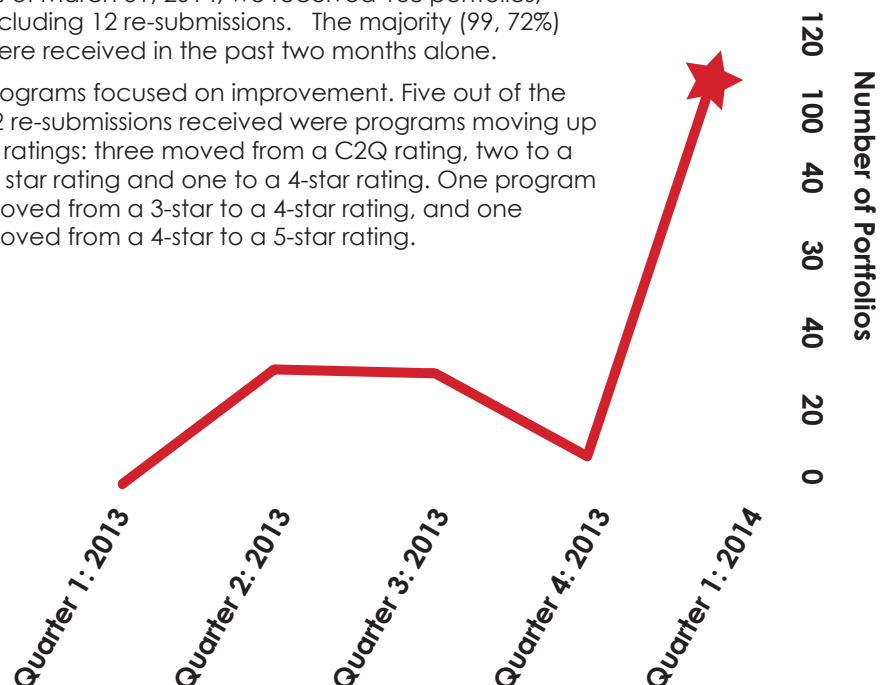
Participation numbers as of March 31, 2014:



- Be a licensed ELDP and have been in business for two years.
- Attend an Increasing Quality Training (IQT).
- Submit an application and a self-assessment to become a Commitment to Quality (C2Q) program.
- Request financial support to improve child care facility by completing a Quality Improvement Plan.
- Complete a portfolio documenting attainment of quality standards in children's learning and development, health and safety, collaborative family partnerships, personnel qualifications, and administration and business practices in order to receive a 3, 4 or 5 star rating.
- Submit annual reports to maintain star rating or a portfolio documenting attainment of increased quality standards.

As of March 31, 2014, we received 138 portfolios, including 12 re-submissions. The majority (99, 72%) were received in the past two months alone.

Programs focused on improvement. Five out of the 12 re-submissions received were programs moving up in ratings: three moved from a C2Q rating, two to a 3-star rating and one to a 4-star rating. One program moved from a 3-star to a 4-star rating, and one moved from a 4-star to a 5-star rating.



Portfolio reviewers are reliable. Two reviewers are assigned to score every portfolio received. This minimizes any bias that could creep in from one reviewer. Inter-rater reliability is strong (Cronbach's alpha = .87).

Children impacted by the QRIS

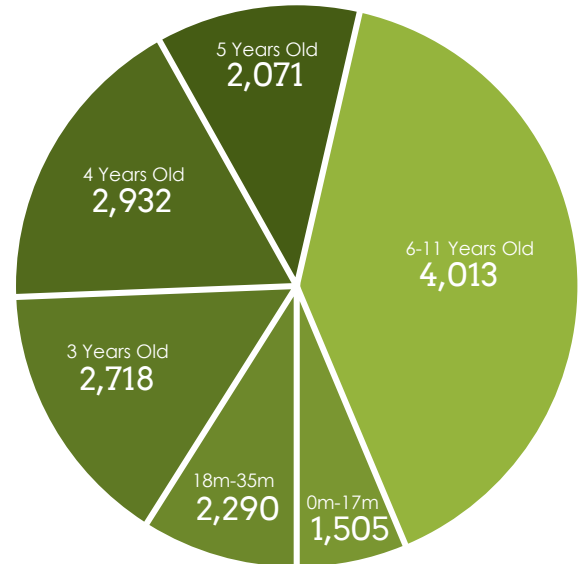
Currently, 15,529 children are in Early Learning & Development Programs (ELDPs) that have attained a Commitment to Quality (C2Q) and above rating. Four in five (81%) of those children are in child care centers, 13% are in certified family child care, and 6% are in registered family child care. ELDPs that have attained a 3, 4 or 5 star rating provide service to 1,044 children. The age distribution of children in C2Q or star rated programs is highlighted in the figure.

Sharing the QRIS World

In addition to all the local focus on the QRIS, statewide attention has been elevated through key presentations in March at:

- Oregon Association of Child Care Directors, Conference
– Agate Beach;
- Parent Child Preschool Organization, Conference
– Clackamas;
- Jackson Josephine Chapter, Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children, Conference
– Medford;
- Directors' Certificate Cohort
– Wilsonville

QRIS staff presented on a range of topics related to QRIS including QRIS awareness, the use of curriculum in QRIS, and supporting children with disabilities through QRIS.



Total Children Enrolled in C2Q and Above
15,529

What's the value of participating in QRIS to ELDPs?

"I value being on top of my game ... This was a key thought as to why I would participate outside of the financial assistance to grow my business."

- Registered Family Child Care Provider

"I want my staff working towards a higher goal and understanding and valuing what they do as a professional."

- Certified Child Care Center Provider

"It's fabulous to be a part of the dialogue to create the standard for best practices in Oregon. And fabulous that the importance of early childhood education is being recognized and supported by the government!"

- Certified Child Care Center Provider

Success in QRIS

Shannon Aden owns Shannon's Child Care & Preschool in Multnomah County, a certified family child care program. Shannon has been a child care provider for over 30 years. She is very excited about QRIS as this is providing a set of standards that everyone can follow - a long overdue step in her opinion. Shannon received her 3-star rating in November 2013, resubmitted her portfolio in December, and received her 4-star rating in January. She has already re-submitted for her 5-star rating in March. Why so fast? Shannon wanted to validate her curriculum AND her type of child care setting - and felt that her first star rating did just that. This motivated her to apply for her 4-star rating - and now for her 5 stars! Congratulations, Shannon!

"I am very excited about QRIS and plan to mentor others through the process. I would love to answer any questions that may help others with their pursuit of their goals."

This report reflects information gathered as of March 31, 2014.
For additional information please contact:

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The Lynne Angland Award: Honoring contributions to Oregon's Child Care & Early Education System

Lynne Angland was a passionate visionary dedicated to Oregon's families. She was Vice-Chair of the Commission for Child Care from 2004 to 2008, when her untimely death left a void that only her diligent advocacy could have filled. Lynne's service, passion, and leadership improved the lives of Oregon's children and families, and as a former owner of a child care center – opened to benefit her employees – Lynne personally understood that quality child care is dynamic as a workforce and early childhood education issue.

Honoring Lynne's commitment to strengthening Oregon's next generation, and the Commission for Childcare which established the Lynne Angland Award, the Early Learning Council continues Lynne's charge through honoring those contributing to improving child care and the lives of our children.

The Lynne Angland Award recognizes people and organizations who improve safety, quality, affordability, and access to child care at state and local levels. An annual award, it both memorializes Lynne and spotlights the incredible ongoing work dedicated to improving care.

To submit your nomination – a person, facility, or organization – please submit a 250-word essay to the Early Learning Council explaining the attached criteria. Deadline for submission is 5pm, May 1, 2014. The recipient will be announced at the May 22nd Early Learning Council meeting in Pendleton.

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Nomination Form

Name of individual/organization nominated:

Address/County:

Contact Phone:

We may need to contact you if we have any questions during the review process. Please also provide the following:

Your Name:

Address (include city and state):

Zip code:

Contact Phone:

What is your relationship with the individual/organization you have nominated?

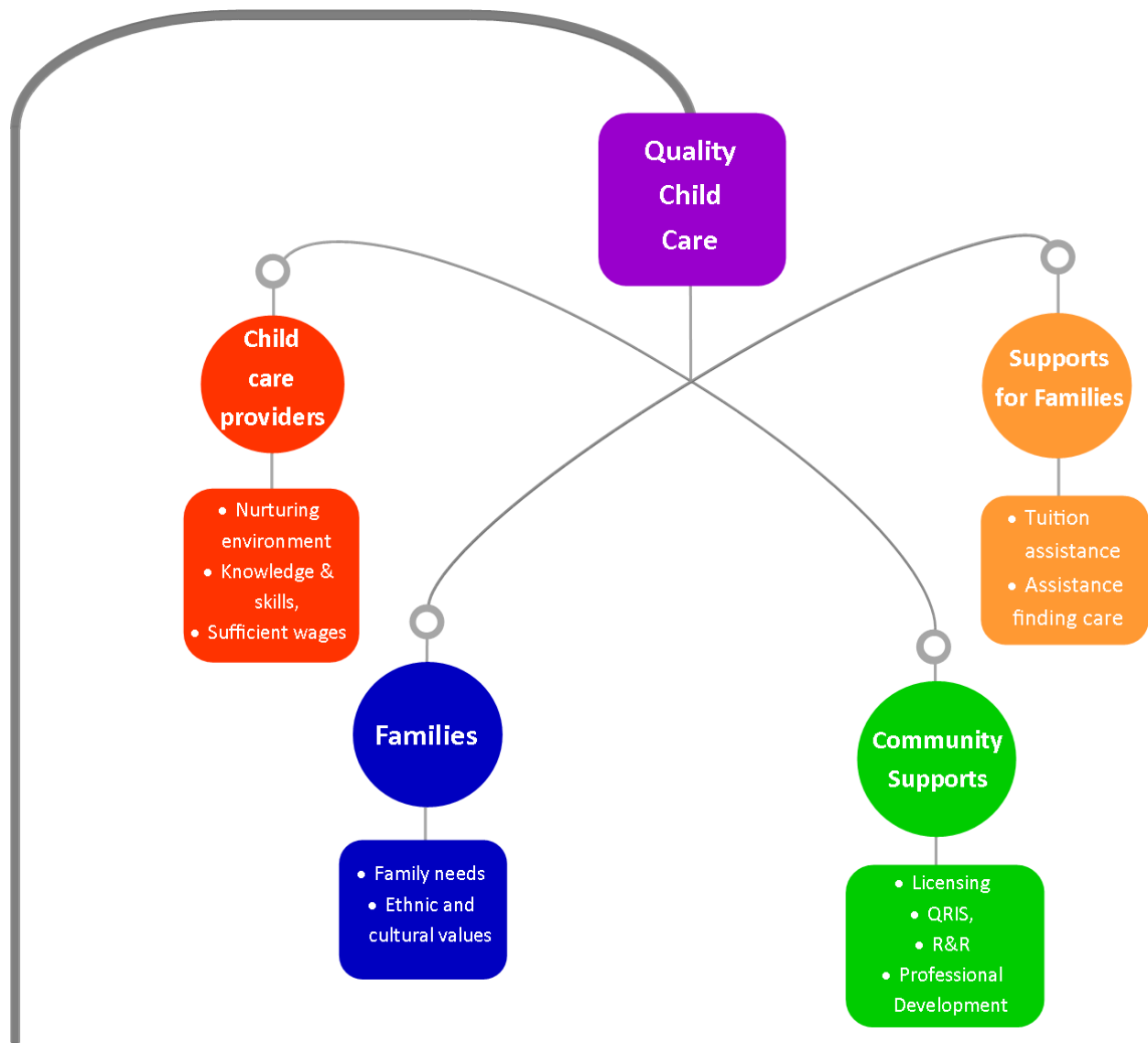
Make your nomination by answering the following questions in 250 words or less.
(Please answer on a separate sheet of paper)

1. What service has the individual/organization provided?
2. How has their commitment and dedication made a difference to Oregon children and families?
3. How long has the person/organization been involved with childcare and in what capacity?
4. Please include any other information you would like us to consider.

Please submit your completed information by 5pm, May 1st, 2014

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