

School Readiness Quality Improvement Program

The School Readiness Quality Improvement Program (SRQIP), is designed to improve the school readiness of children five years of age or younger who are cared for at child care programs that feed into public elementary schools that receive Title 1 funding, and are required to implement a priority improvement or turn around plan, or are subject to restructuring. The program awards \$2.2 million of federal Child Care Development Funds annually to local Early Childhood Councils across the state.

The participating child care programs receive a Quality Rating and Quality Performance Profile from Qualistar Colorado, and assistance in improving the quality of care through the use of enhanced educational materials, specialized teacher training, coaching and mentoring services, and increased parental involvement. In addition, local School Readiness projects implement community specific strategies for increasing the quality of care at participating early care and education facilities

What is the Qualistar Rating™

The Qualistar Rating™ is a Quality Rating System that measures the quality of child care programs in Colorado on a provisional to 4-Star scale. The Qualistar Rating™ is an important part of Colorado's child care Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

Providing high-quality early childhood education isn't a simple task. Though most programs consistently strive to improve quality, financial realities make it a tough road for even the most dedicated providers.

Programs participating in the Qualistar Rating™ have taken an important step in their quality improvement journey. As part of the Qualistar Rating™, programs are given a profile that reflects an objective view of both their strengths and areas for improvement. This profile offers valuable suggestions on how to improve the overall quality of their program.

Qualistar Colorado and the entire early childhood community salute all participating programs for joining this exciting journey and believe that they are truly pioneers, making a BIG difference in the lives of our children.

What does the Qualistar Rating™ Measure?

The Qualistar Rating™ is a tool that objectively measures the quality of an early childhood education program. Points earned in each quality component are combined to determine a total rating score, which ranges from a Provisional to 4-Star rating.

The quality of the learning environment

The program's family partnerships

The training and education of program staff

The adult-to-child ratio and group size in classrooms

Whether a program is nationally accredited

TEACHING STRATEGIES GOLD

Teaching Strategies Gold *Preschool* offers comprehensive support in four essential areas: curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family connection

For over 30 years, *Teaching Strategies* has helped early childhood educators across the country to plan and implement content-rich, developmentally appropriate programs that support active learning and promote children's progress in all developmental areas.

Teaching Strategies Gold® *System for Preschool* is a comprehensive collection of knowledge-building and daily practice resources that explain the "what," "why," and "how" of teaching. "What" and "why" are explained in the five curriculum volumes, which contain everything you need to know to build and implement a high-quality preschool program. "How" is provided through detailed, step-by-step guidance in the *Teaching Guides* and other daily practice resources

Today, *Teaching Strategies Gold* is widely regarded as a forward-thinking, comprehensive, rigorously researched curriculum approach that honors creativity and respects the role that teachers play in making learning exciting and relevant for every child.