

Appendix L. States with Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) or Similar Quality Initiative

State	Year Launched	Name of QRIS	Website
Arkansas	2010	Better Beginnings	www.arbetterbeginnings.com/
Colorado	2000	Qualistar Rating System	www.qualistar.org/home.html
Delaware	2008	Delaware Stars for Early Success	www.dieec.udel.edu/delaware-stars-participating
District of Columbia	2000	DC Action for Children Quality Initiative	www.dcactionforchildren.org/content/quality-initiative-0
Georgia	2012	Quality Rated	https://qualityrated.dec.state.ga.us/
Idaho	2010	IdahoSTARS	www.idahoaeys.org/idahostarsmain.php?inner=qri
Illinois	2007	Illinois Quality Counts	www.inccrra.org/early-childhood-professionals/quality-rating-system
Indiana	2008	Paths to Quality	www.in.gov/fssa/pathstoquality
Iowa	2006	Iowa Child Care Quality Rating System	www.dhs.state.ia.us/iqrs/
Kentucky	2001	STARS for KIDS NOW	http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/stars/
Louisiana	2008	Quality Start	www.qrslouisiana.org
Maine	2008	Quality for Maine	www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/qualityforme.htm
Maryland	2001	Maryland Child Care Tiered Reimbursement Program	www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/divisions/child_care/credentials/tiered
Massachusetts	2011	Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System	www.eec.state.ma.us
Michigan	2011	Great Start To Quality	www.greatstartforkids.org
Mississippi	2009	Mississippi Child Care Quality Step System	www.earlychildhood.msstate.edu/initiatives/qualitystep.htm
Montana	2002	Star Quality Child Care Rating System	www.dphhs.mt.gov/programsservices/starqualitychildcare.shtml
New Hampshire	2006	Licensed Plus	www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/licensedplus/index.htm
New Mexico	2005	Look for the Stars	www.newmexicokids.org/
North Carolina	1999	North Carolina Star Rated License	ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/parents/pr_sn2_ov_sr.asp
Ohio	2006	Step Up to Quality	http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/stepupquality.stm
Oklahoma	1998	Reaching for the Stars	www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/stars
Pennsylvania	2002	Keystone STARS	www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx?page=programs_stars
Rhode Island	2009	BrightStars	www.brightstars.org/providers/brightstars-quality-rating/
Tennessee	2001	Star-Quality Child Care Program	www.tennessee.gov/humanserv/adfam/ccrcsq.html
	2001	Child Care Evaluation and Report Card Program	
Utah	2011	Care about Child Care	www.careaboutchildcare.utah.gov
Vermont	2003	Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS)	http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/stars
Wisconsin	2011	YoungStar	http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/default.htm

* List includes only states with a full statewide QRIS.