



California State Advisory Council (SAC) on Early Learning and Care Meeting

Quality Rating and Improvement System Update

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QRIS Topics

- RTT-ELC
- CA-QRIS
- QRIS Block Grants
 - State Preschool
 - Infant/Toddler



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QRIS Progress

- During 2015, all 58 counties began participating in either one or both funding opportunities
 - indicating program quality improvement is a major priority at the state and local level in preparing young children for lifelong success

QRIS	2012	2015	Increase
Sites	475	3,278	690%
Children	1,565	124,734	7,970%



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- 2015 Annual Performance Report approved
- Consortia Closeout:
 - Final Performance Reports due September 1st
 - Final Data Reports due September 15th
 - Final Fiscal Reports due September 30th
- Grant Closeout:
 - State contracts: no later than 9/30/16
 - Federal Desk Monitoring Review: August 25th
 - 2016 Final Performance Report: 3/31/17



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June 29, 2016
Yolo County Office of Education
9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

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Recognition of RTT-ELC Regional Leadership Consortia

*Certificate Presentation by:
Tom Adams, Deputy Superintendent*

In recognition of leadership and outstanding contribution to California's Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant and lasting commitment to high-quality early learning for young children and their families.

- First 5 Alameda
- First 5 Contra Costa
- First 5 El Dorado
- Fresno County Office of Education
- Los Angeles County Office of Child Care
- Los Angeles Universal Preschool
- Merced County Office of Education
- Orange County Office of Education
- Sacramento County Office of

- Education
- First 5 San Diego
- First 5 San Francisco
- First 5 San Joaquin
- First 5 Santa Barbara
- First 5 Santa Clara
- First 5 Santa Cruz
- First 5 Ventura
- First 5 Yolo

Highlights

- During 2015, all 58 counties began participating in either one or both funding opportunities indicating program quality improvement is a major priority at the state and local level in preparing young children for lifelong success
- In 2012, California was serving 475 sites and by 2015 they have increased 590 percent to 3,278 sites
- In 2012, 1,565 children were in participating sites and by 2015 it increased to 124,734

Revisiting the Burrito: How are states re-examining their rating matrices?

Gerrit Westervelt, WestEd

Director of Early Childhood Policy and Resource Development, Center for Child & Family Studies



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Planning Committee and Advisory Group Selection Process

CA-QRIS Regional Representatives

Region	Regional Representative Name	Agency Name
1	Carol Barton	Marin COE
1	Leah Benz	First 5 Sonoma
1	Colleen Campbell	Lake County CCPC
2	Hilary Bingham	First 5 Shasta
2	Renee Menefee	Shasta COE
2	Heather Senske	Butte COE
3	Kathleen Guerrero	First 5 El Dorado
3	Shelia Kruse	First 5 Tuolumne
3	Natalie Woods-Andrews	Sacramento COE
4	Sean Casey	First 5 Contra Costa
4	Lisa Faulkner	First 5 San Benito
4	Kitty Lopez	First 5 San Mateo
5	Lorena Castillo	Tulare COE
5	Samantha Thompson	Merced COE
5	Isela Turner	Fresno COE
6	Molly DesBaillets	First 5 Mono
6	Raquel Dietrich	Inyo County Super. of Schools
6	Jody Veenker	First 5 Inyo
7	Raechelle Bowlay-Sutton	San Luis Obispo CCPC
7	Eileen Monahan	First 5 Santa Barbara
7	Petra Puls	First 5 Ventura
8	Renita Bowlin	LA Office of Child Care
8	Kevin Dieterle	First 5 Los Angeles
8	Keesha Woods	Los Angeles COE
9	Sharon Baskett	Riverside COE
9	Krista Murphy	Orange COE
9	Karen Scott	First 5 San Bernardino
10	Gloria Corral-Terrazas	First 5 San Diego
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10	Lucia Garay	San Diego COE

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Planning Committee Voting Results

1. **Voting Option 1: 5 members PLUS State Support Staff**

Membership includes one representative from each of the following associations that represent agencies participating in local or regional QRIS consortia:

1. CA County Superintendents Educational Services Association;
2. First 5 Association;
3. CA Community College Early Childhood Educators;
4. CA Child Care Coordinators Association; and
5. California Child Care Resource & Referral Network

2. **Voting Option 2: 10 members PLUS State Support Staff**

Membership includes one representative from each CA-QRIS Region (may or may not be one of the three voting members)

3. **Voting Option 3: 15 members PLUS State Support Staff**

Membership includes Option 1 and Option 2

4. **Voting Option 4**

Membership includes CA-QRIS State Support Staff, with input from the Consortium

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Advisory Group Form

Identifying Advisory Group Membership for the CA-QRIS Consortium

1. CA-QRIS Consortium Regions will provide input regarding organizations and/or individuals to send a letter of invitation to apply to be part of the CA-QRIS Advisory Group by 8/1/16.
2. The State Support Staff will send invitation and application information to identified organizations and/or individuals.
3. The State Support Staff will screen and, in conjunction with the Planning Committee, will select an Advisory Group for the CA-QRIS Consortium.

Independent Evaluation of California's RTT-ELC QRIS

Overview of Study Results

Heather Quick and Jill Cannon

American Institutes for Research (AIR)
RAND Corporation

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Preparing for Transition – What is next?

Setting the Stage:

- Common Data Fields/ Joint MOU
- Facilitation support for workgroups
- Workgroup Process:
 - Using process established with RTT-ELC
- Workgroup Membership
 - Two per region per workgroup
 - Forms due by 8/19/16

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Workgroup Purpose, Protocol, and Decision-making Process

Current CA-QRIS Workgroups

1. Rating Matrix
2. Quality Improvement and Professional Development Pathways
3. Communications
4. Evaluation



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2014-15 CSPP QRIS Block Grant

- Period: 7/1/14 to 12/31/15
- Final* Reports submitted show average spending:



2014-15 CSPP QRIS BG	Planned Percent	Actual Percent	Expenditures
Local QRIS Block Grants	29%	31.5%	\$15,745,943
Quality Improvement	57%	45.8%	\$22,878,127
Assessment & Access Projects	14%	6.8%	\$3,378,188

- * A few counties have time extensions



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2015-16 CSPP QRIS Block Grant

- Grantees:
 - 32 applicants with 45 participating QRIS counties (78% of the state), representing about 90% of the CSPP children, includes:
 - Original RTT-ELC 16 counties,
 - 7 grantees from 2014-15 round, and
 - 9 new grantees with at least one fully rated site
- Mid-term reports received 5/9/16
- Grant Period: 7/1/15 to 9/30/16

2016-17 CSPP QRIS Block Grant



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- RFA released June 9th at http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/cspp_qris1617rfa.asp
- 37 Letters of Intent received by 6/23
 - New consortium = Humboldt
 - Lassen joined the Shasta Regional consortium
 - Means 50 counties with operational QRIS
- Applications due: 7/22/16
- Reading apps: 7/25 to 8/9/16

I/T QRIS Block Grant Status



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- 36 Letters of Intent received by 1/27/16
- \$22.5 M awarded to 32 Consortia with QRIS Plans on file;
 - Grantees:
 - 22 County Offices of Education
 - 9 County First 5s
 - 1 Local Child Care Planning Council
- \$1.7 M awarded to 4 new QRIS consortia applicants:
 - Madera, Monterey, Napa, & San Bernardino
- Mid-term reporting due 7/29/16
- Posted at
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/itqrisbg15result.asp>





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Questions

