



Kansas Quality Rating System



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What is KQRS?

- Tiered quality rating system
- 5 levels: 1 to 5 stars
- Measures quality in licensed centers and homes for children birth to 5
- Provides assessment that is followed up with training and technical assistance



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KQRS Mission

Improve early learning experiences for children birth to age 5 by creating a system that:

- Promotes high-quality, child-centered care
- Is appropriately monitored and evaluated
- Supports parents as decision makers and teachers



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Quality Rating Indicators

- Learning Environment
- Family Partnerships
- Training & Education
- Adult-Child Ratios/Group Size
- Program Accreditation



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Star Level Ratings

Centers

- 1 star = 0 – 9 pts
- 2 star = 10 – 17 pts
- 3 star = 18 – 25 pts
- 4 star = 26 – 33 pts
- 5 star = 34 – 42 pts

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- 1 star = 0 – 9 pts
- 2 star = 10 – 16 pts
- 3 star = 17 – 23 pts
- 4 star = 24 – 30 pts
- 5 star = 31 – 39 pts



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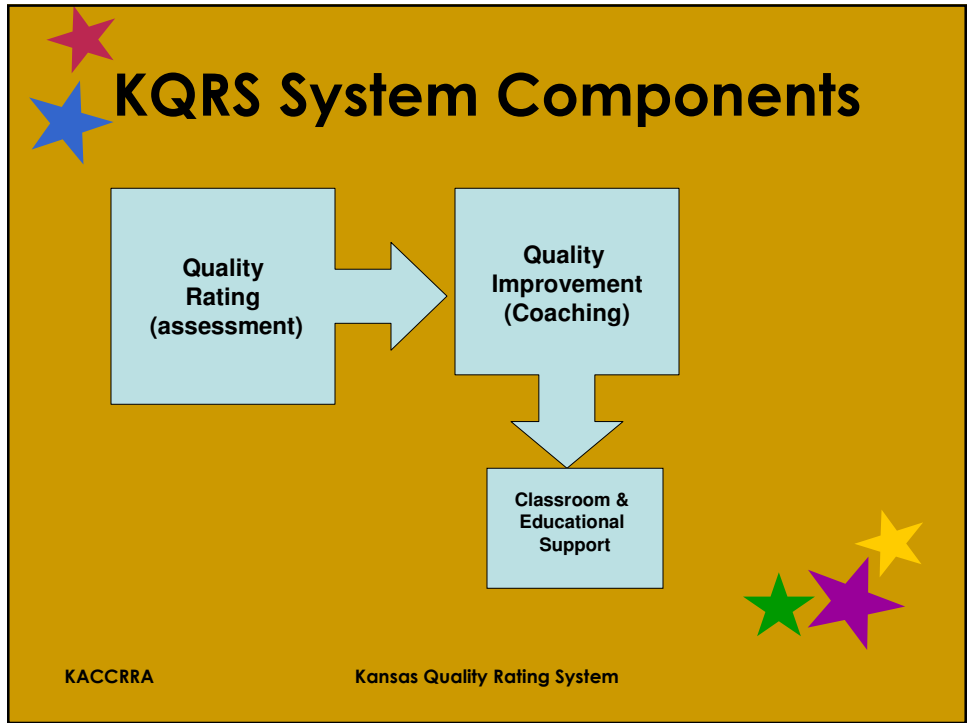



Accreditation Standards



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- ## Quality Rating Component
1. Program receives a Customer Information Packet
 2. Quality Rating Specialist works with program to collect data
 3. QR Specialist calculates ratings and generates the Quality Performance Profile (QPP)
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Coaching Component

1. Quality Consultation with program
2. Quality Improvement Plan based on the QPP
3. Program receives coaching supports to make identified improvements



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Classroom Support Component

- \$2,000 per classroom for improvements
 - DAP materials and/or equipment to improve learning environment
 - Health & safety equipment
 - Facility improvements
 - Accreditation fees



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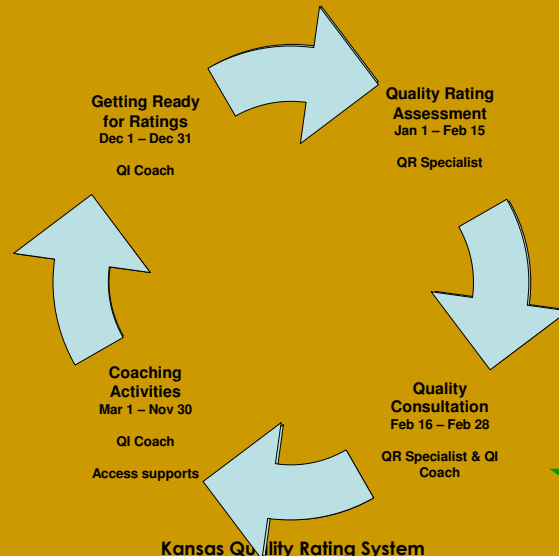
Education Component (where applicable)

- \$2,000 per classroom for education
- Community college course work
 - T.E.A.C.H. scholarships
 - CDA support
- Community based training through R&R system
- Salary Supplements
 - WAGE\$ stipends

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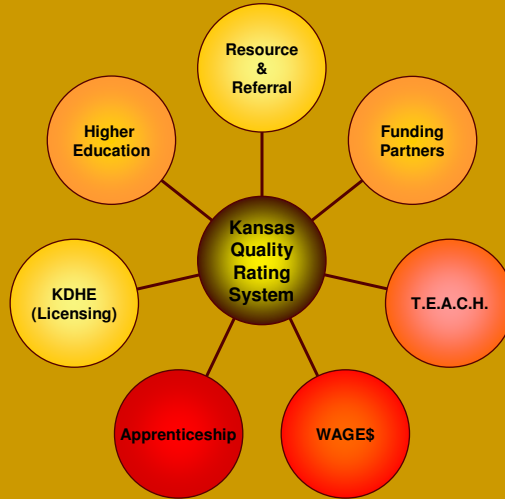
Typical KQRS Timeline



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KQRS Supports Statewide Systems



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KQRS Supports Communities

- Evolve into market driven system
- “Consumer Reports” of child care
- Parents have access to quality information
- Make informed choice for family
- Parents demand rated programs

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Cost Effective System



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Features	Benefits
KQRS is a tiered quality rating system based on 1 – 5 stars	Investors and parents can easily ascertain the level of quality in a particular early education program
KQRS is a useful tool for both centers and family child care homes	Parents have options when choosing the early care setting that is right for their family
KQRS programs must make specific & measurable gains in quality each year	Investors can see that their contributions are working and making a difference
KQRS components are delivered through existing statewide resources	Maximizes efficiency of funding and strengthens the existing statewide professional development system
Qualistar's Quality Rating System is the only one of its kind to be developed, evaluated, and validated using scientific research	Investors know that they are contributing to a scientifically proven system

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