



# Welcome!

## California QRIS Consortium Meeting

October 20, 2016  
Yolo County Office of Education  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

# CA-QRIS Consortium Meeting

## Today's Agenda

- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Welcome, Overview, and State-level Updates
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Data and Evaluation Discussion
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Communication Plan and Process
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. Rating Matrix Workgroup Discussion
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m. CQI Pathways Workgroup Discussion
- 2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Regional Peer Learning Breakout
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Closing and Adjourn

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## State-level Updates

### Agency Updates:

- Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, Administrator, Quality Improvement Office, California Department of Education
- Sarah Neville- Morgan, Deputy Director, Program Management Division, First 5 California

### Legislative Update:

- Erin Gabel, Deputy Director, External and Governmental Affairs Office, First 5 California

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## State-level Updates

### FY 2016–17 Budget Update

- Access
  - 8,877 total CSPP slots for LEAs over three years
  - 2,959 slots each of next three years
- Rate Increases January 1, 2017
  - RMR 75<sup>th</sup> of 2014 market rate survey includes a 2-year hold harmless
  - SRR 10%
- Single Parent Verification
- Updated 9600 form

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## State-level Updates

### FY 2016-17 California State Preschool Program RFA

Item	Target Dates
RFA Release	Tuesday, October 11, 2016
Live Webinar	Friday, October 14, 2016
Applications Due to the Early Education and Support Division	Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Score Notification to Applicants	Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Proposed Awards Announced	Wednesday, January 25, 2017

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### Management Bulletins

- 16-14 Single Parent Self-Certification - Documentation of the presence or absence of a parent
- 16-11 Standard Reimbursement Rate Increase for Fiscal Year 2016–17
- 16-09 Revised Regional Market Rates
- 16-08 Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, Revised Edition
- 16-06 Information about options for implementation of the DRDP (2015) - Preschool Views
- 16-01 Digital Signatures

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## State-level Updates



UCSF School of Nursing



### California Child Care Disaster Plan 2016



ANNEX TO THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY PLAN

Developed by the UCSF California Childcare Health Program  
with funding from the California Department of Education

### Plan includes:

- Intro & Overview
- Child Care Characteristics
- Communication in Disasters
- Lessons Learned
- References
- Emergency Functions

### Posted at:

<http://cchp.ucsf.edu/sites/cchp.ucsf.edu/files/CA-ChildCare-Disaster-Plan.pdf>

Copies to be provided to all  
licensed programs/providers

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## State-level Updates

### Additional CCDBG Act Projects for 2016-17 related to QRIS

- Developmental Screening Network
  - Extending RTT-ELC training
    - Support ASQ Trainers
    - Implement a Community of Practice to support local implementation
- Strengthening Families Network
  - Building cohort of R&R trainers
- Business Practices
  - Building online modules for family child care providers to be posted on CECS
  - Training CA Mentor Directors to reliability on the Program and Business Administrative Scales



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## State-level Updates

### Input for 2017-18 QI Budget

- 2016-17 Budget Trailer Bill re: Quality Expenditure Plan:
  - On or before 3/1/17, CDE is to develop new spending plan that:
    - Supports QRIS
    - Maintains funding for R&Rs, LPCs, and Licensing enforcement
    - Complies with federal CCDBG Act
- Stakeholder Input:
  - Sessions: CCDBG on 11/1 & QRIS on 11/14
  - E-mail to [STATEPLN@cde.ca.gov](mailto:STATEPLN@cde.ca.gov) thru 11/30



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## State-level Updates

### 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, including:
  - Original RTT-ELC 16 counties,
  - 7 grantees from 2014-15 round, and
  - 9 new grantees with at least one fully rated site
- Grant Period: 7/1/15 to 9/30/16
- Final fiscal report due November 15, 2016



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### I/T QRIS Block Grant Status

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



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## State-level Updates

### 2016-17 CSPP QRIS Block Grant

- RFA released June 9<sup>th</sup>
- 37 applications received by 7/22
  - New consortium = Humboldt
  - Lassen joined the Shasta Regional consortium
  - 49 counties (84%) with operational QRIS
- Awards posted on 8/11/16 at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r2/csppqris1617result.asp>
- Grant period: 7/1/16 to 9/30/17



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### Additional Block Grant Information

- CDE QRIS web page:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/rt/>
- QRIS Block Grant Information available at:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/op/csppqrisblockgrant.asp>
- Includes:
  - Frequently Asked Questions:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/op/csppqrisbgfaq.asp>
  - Previous Webinars
  - County Contact Information

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### First 5 California

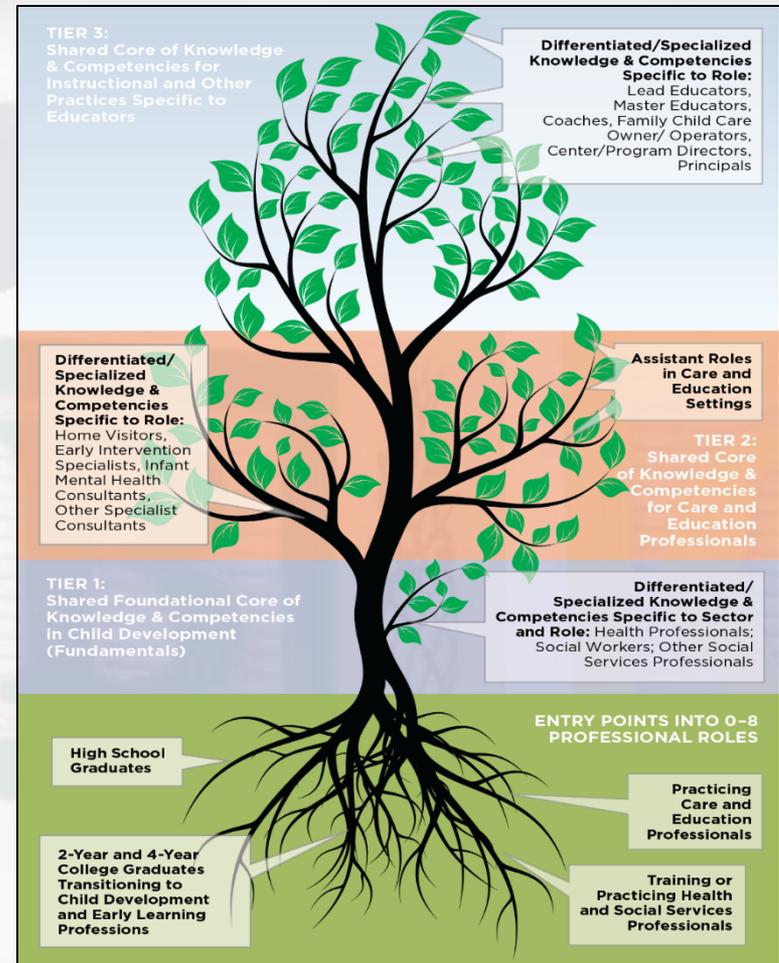
- QRIS at the 2016 Child Health, Education, and Care Summit
- First 5 IMPACT
- CLASS-Based Coaching Program for First 5 IMPACT

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## Transforming the Workforce for Children Birth Through Age 8: California's Implementation Plan

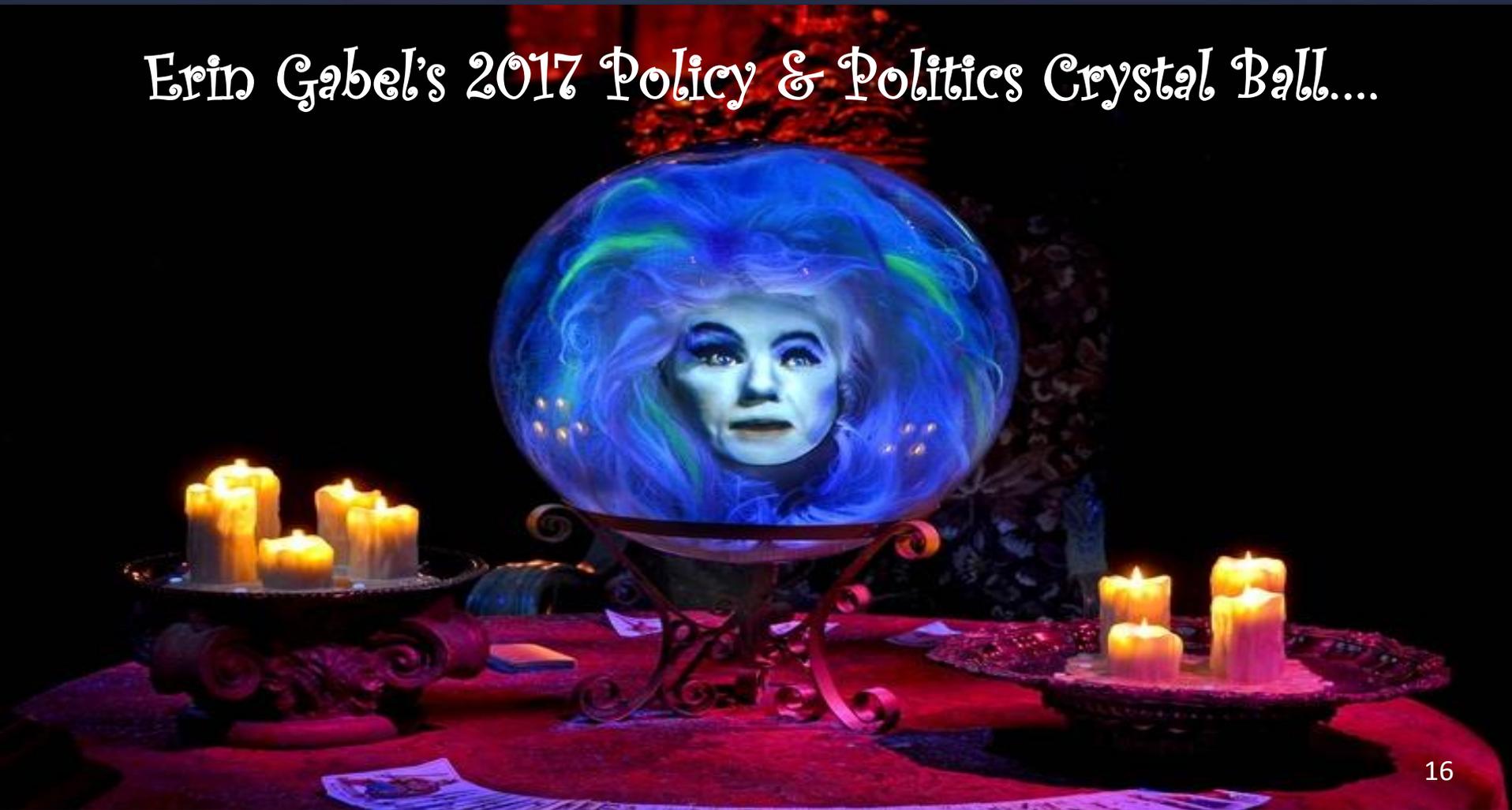
### A Unifying Foundation

Care and education professionals need both **foundational, shared competencies** and **differentiated, specialized competencies.**



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**Legislative Updates**

*Erin Gabel's 2017 Policy & Politics Crystal Ball....*



# CA-QRIS Consortium Meeting

# Planning and Advisory Update

## Planning Committee

- Met twice in September to discuss the formation of an Advisory Group and development of October Consortium meeting agenda.
- Will meet 2-3 times in preparation for March 2017 Consortium meeting and to get updates on workgroups.
- Decided on **March and September for 2017 Consortium Meetings**; specific dates will be sent to Consortium members at a later date.

## Advisory Group

- Ad hoc group of content experts and stakeholders incorporated through the following:
  - Workgroups request support and topic-related information during workgroup meetings
  - Planning Committee decides who to bring in as experts for Consortium meetings

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## Revisiting the Workgroup Purpose

### **Purpose of Workgroups**

- Delve deeply into QRIS topics related to areas of responsibility designated in statute (Rating Matrix, Continuous Quality Improvement Pathways) and areas of statewide interest, such as communications and evaluation.
- Develop proposed recommendations to bring to the CA-QRIS Consortium for adoption at a regularly scheduled Consortium meeting.
- Topics include those that require in-depth review of the research/best practices and careful study and consideration of various alternatives/solutions that best address the CA-QRIS goals and funding requirements.

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## Revisiting the Workgroup Purpose

### **Membership of Workgroups**

- Consortium Representatives
- Resource and State System Representatives
- CA-QRIS State Support Team Representatives

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# Data and Evaluation Discussion

## Evaluation Workgroup Discussion and Sharing



# Data and Evaluation Discussion

## RTT–ELC Evaluation Report – Lessons Learned and Key Findings

**Gerrit Westervelt, WestEd**

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

**Diana Schaack, University of Colorado Denver**

# Purpose of QRIS Evaluation

QRIS evaluation should be considered an ongoing and iterative process that provide states with information about whether QRIS design decisions are producing meaningful changes.....

# What this means for us

- Cultivating a CQI stance:
  - Our programs, our systems, our evaluations
  - Build nimbleness into the system
  - Open to change
- Evaluation is for everyone!

# Types of Evaluation

- Current RTT QRIS evaluation focused on one aspect of a QRIS evaluation: measurement validation
- Impact's charge: systems
  - What might we conceive a broader systems focused QRIS evaluation

# RTT Evaluation

What should be take from it:

- Consistency of rating delivery
- Level and consistency of common data
- Outreach to include diverse programs
- Families want more information
- Coaching is a potentially effective strategy

# And so...

## **First 5 IMPACT's Charge:**

### ➤ **Systems Building**

What might a broader, systems-focused QRIS evaluation look like?



# Systems Building Framework

- Initial thinking about QRISs:
  - Individual child care program quality improvement initiative
  - How: rating quality and quality improvement activities
  - Evaluations tend to focus on: measurement & quality improvement
- New conceptualizations of QRIS as ECE systems builders
  - Need expanded conceptualizations of QRIS evaluations: with broader types of outcomes, including system outcomes

# QRIS as Systems Builder

To produce a system that results in positive changes for children and families, systems-building initiatives focus on five inter-connected areas):

- Context
- Components
- Connections
- Infrastructure
- Scale (Coffman, 2007)

# Context

- In order to build support for a system, public support for the system is needed
  - Star ratings provide a new language to talk about child care: quality
  - Communicates to policy-makers that quality can be measured and improved
  - Communicates to families that quality matters

# Components

- The development of high-quality ECE programs that positively affect children and families
  - Local communities have the capacity and infrastructure for quality improvement
  - Local communities have capacity for delivery ratings

# Infrastructure

- The supports necessary to achieve high quality programming
- QRISs link to and strengthen other system infrastructure
  - Data Systems
  - Professional Development Systems
  - Higher Education
  - Accountability Systems

# Connections

- Linkages across components of the system bring consistency and coherence to it and can reduce system redundancies
  - Include the full range of programs
  - Aligns quality standards
  - Create multiple pathways
  - Coordinate technical assistance

# Scale

- Provides high quality services to all system beneficiaries
  - Embedded in regulatory system
  - Incentives for participation

# Activity: Building a systems-focused QRIS

1. Join at least one other person from your hub.
2. Pick at least one focal area:
  - **Context:** Improving socio-political context
  - **Components:** Improving ECE programs in ways that benefit children
  - **Infrastructure:** Improving supports needed to improve programs
  - **Connections:** Improving linkages that reduce redundancies
  - **Scale:** Improving reach of the system
3. Discuss what strategies your region might try to improve at least one of the focal areas?
4. Write your down your region, focal area, and strategy and Mario will collect your paper.

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# Data and Evaluation Discussion

## CA-QRIS Common Data Reporting



# Data and Evaluation Discussion

## Partnership and Alignment

- Memorandum of Understanding (in development) between the California Department of Education and First 5 California
- One data source for CA-QRIS data: the *CA-QRIS Common Data File*
- Streamlined reporting processes and coordination

## Data and Evaluation Discussion

### CA-QRIS Common Data File

- Data Period: Beginning FY 2016–17
- Content: All First 5 IMPACT and CDE California State Preschool Program (CSPP)/Infant Toddler (I/T) QRIS Block Grant-funded sites
- Deadline: September 15, 2017 (and annually thereafter)
- Submission: Data upload to First 5 California
- File Format: XML
- Draft file information available at:  
[http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/programs/programs\\_ca-qrisc.html](http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/programs/programs_ca-qrisc.html)
- Seeking feedback from counties via CA-QRIS Evaluation Workgroup representatives

# Data and Evaluation Discussion

## Data Upload

- Upload processes and procedures in development
- Opportunity to test upload functionality in Summer 2017
- General file review and validation upon upload
- Confirmation of data submission

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# Communication Plan and Process

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## Communications Workgroup QRIS Branding Strategy Process

# Two Timelines Call for a Smooth Handoff

- CDE Contract (via RTT-ELC funding): Due **October 31, 2016**
- Communications Workgroup: Met for first time on **October 6**



# CA-QRIS: Draft Name & Tagline

## **Excellence in Early Learning**

*Ensuring quality care for California's  
youngest children*

# CA-QRIS: Logo Options

version 1A



**Excellence in  
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Ensuring quality programs for California's youngest children



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version 1b



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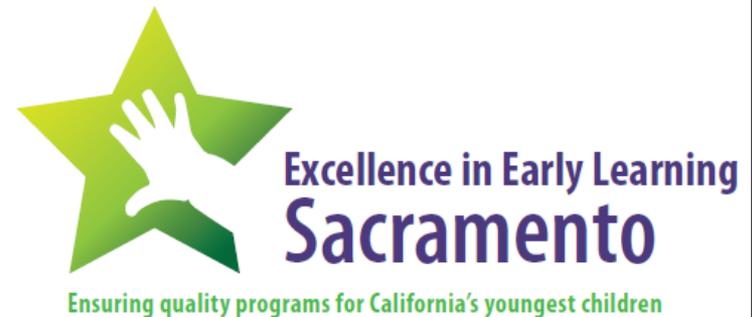
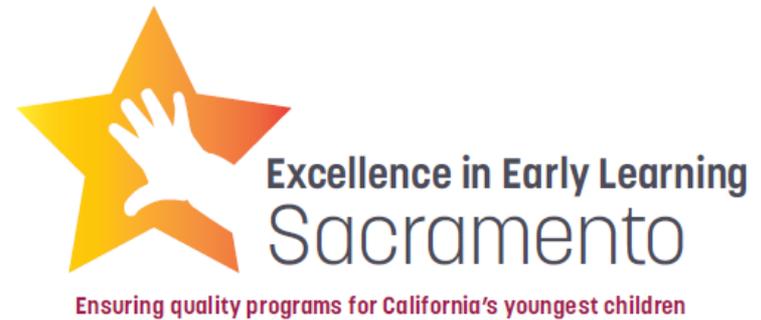
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# CA-QRIS: Logo Options



# Draft CA-QRIS Website Wireframes

## Homepage



The wireframe shows a homepage layout for 'Excellence in Early Learning'. At the top left is a logo featuring a map of California with a star, and the text 'Excellence in Early Learning' and 'Ensuring quality programs for California's youngest children'. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with three buttons: 'PARENTS', 'MEDIA', and 'QRISs'. Below the navigation is a row of three images: children at a table, a teacher interacting with a child, and a woman with a child. Below the images is a large text block with a 'CA' logo and a star icon, followed by a paragraph describing the initiative. A horizontal line with a star in the center separates this from two columns of text below. The left column describes the implementation of QRISs, and the right column describes the standards and how QRIS ratings help parents and programs.

**Excellence in Early Learning**  
Ensuring quality programs for California's youngest children

Information and resources by audience:

PARENTS MEDIA QRISs



 Excellence in Early Learning is a statewide improvement initiative intended to ensure a consistently high-quality early care and education experience for infants, toddlers, and other pre-K-age children whose parents enroll them in a center-based program or a family child care home in California.

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The initiative is implemented at the county or regional level through locally tailored and operated Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRISs). Using a common set of early care and education program standards and general guidance developed collaboratively through a state and local partnership, each QRIS assesses and rates voluntarily participating programs in its own geographic area. The ratings are based on how well the programs meet the five-tiered set of program standards, which cover three broad areas: Child Development and School Readiness, Teachers and Teaching, and Program and Environment.

QRIS ratings can help parents to choose the best early care and education program for their child. At the same time, the QRIS helps programs themselves by identifying areas for potential improvement and by providing incentives and supports to help programs make the improvements.

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## Overview

Includes general background information, written for parents, for example:

- QRIS basics
- Why it was developed
- How QRIS can be tailored locally
- What are the measures
- Why these measures
- What QRIS matters to kids
- Why it's helpful to parents

[Download our helpful parent flier](#)

Click your county below to learn more about the QRIS program that serves your area: **(PHASE 2)**



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## QRIS Program Profile



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## QRIS Program Profiles



Click any of the regions to the left to learn more details about their local QRIS program.

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### Resources for QRIS Programs

Downloadable resources such as:

- General CA-QRIS logo (for use in headers or footers)
- Customizable logo for use by non-branded QRIS programs
- CA-QRIS tagline (for use with branded and non-branded programs - used with logos and/or in footers)
- Customizable press talking points handout
- Customizable parent flier
- Customizable flier to inform local ECE providers about QRIS

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Includes general background information, written for the news media, for example:

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- How/why QRIS can be tailored locally
- What are the measures
- Why these measures
- Do we know it's helping

[Download our helpful media flier](#)

Click below to learn more about how QRIS is implemented by counties or QRIS consortia throughout CA: **(PHASE 2)**



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## Communication Plan and Process

### Tentative Workgroup Timeline:

1. Local/regional review and feedback of QRIS Communication Plan (**October – November 2016**)
2. In-person Communications Workgroup meeting to develop recommendations for the March 2017 Consortium Meeting (**Early December 2016**)
3. Facilitate Local/regional focus groups to vet the QRIS Communication Plan recommendations (**January 2017**)
4. Workgroup webinar to finalize QRIS Communication Plan recommendations (**Early February 2017**)
5. Present QRIS Communication Plan recommendations for vote at the March 2017 Consortium Meeting (**March 2017**)

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## Communication Plan and Process

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<b>Logo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA w/ Star logo is effective for statewide branding</li> <li>• CA / Start logo effective at communicating a state-wide QRIS effort and demonstrates consistency across the state with a commitment to quality</li> <li>• Block w/ “CA” logo is effective in depicting early learning and statewide or for CA</li> <li>• Star w/ Hand logo is effective in depicting early learning and quality</li> <li>• Suggestion: For the CA logo, replace the star with the “CA Block” from the version 1b logo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA w/ Star logo too generic to be associated with early learning – could represent high schools, public roads, or any other system in CA</li> <li>• Block w/ Star logo too similar to Head Start logo</li> <li>• The “EL” in the Block logo may not make sense to some audiences; using “CA” is more understandable</li> <li>• Hand w/ Star logo uses images that are often used</li> <li>• Request for more options</li> </ul>
<b>Name</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion for: <i>“Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow”</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacks clarity for what we are trying to achieve</li> </ul>
<b>Tagline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestion: <b>Building</b> quality programs for California’s youngest children (rather than <b>Ensuring</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusion of the term “QRIS”</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple, user-friendly web layout</li> <li>• Individual county/regional profiles are helpful in linking local efforts</li> <li>• Suggestion: needs to be mobile viewer-friendly</li> </ul>	
<b>Co-branding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helpful for linking with statewide branding efforts</li> <li>• Useful for those counties/regions with no local branding or means to develop said branding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-brand strategy could conflict with local branding efforts already underway; suggest creating separate local branding logo from statewide logo</li> </ul>

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**Regional Networking Lunch**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

**Please pick up your  
selected lunch in the lobby**

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# Rating Matrix Discussion

**Rating Matrix Workgroup Sharing**



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# CQI Pathways Discussion

**Continuous Quality Improvement Pathways  
Workgroup Sharing**

# Regional Peer Learning Breakout

## **Potential Topics could include:**

- Coaching: Strategies and Incorporating Teachstone Resources
- Family Child Care Engagement
- Common Data Fields
- Data Systems/Workforce Registry
- CA-QRIS Research Agenda

# Closing Comments and Adjourn

### **CA-QRIS Consortium Webpage:**

[http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/programs/programs\\_ca-qrис.html](http://www.ccfc.ca.gov/programs/programs_ca-qrис.html)

Please visit the CA-QRIS webpage for the following information:

- Upcoming Consortium Meeting Information (e.g., dates, times, locations, etc.)
- Consortium Meeting Agendas
- Consortium Meeting Highlights
- CA-QRIS Workgroup Meeting Information
- CA-QRIS Resources (Rating Matrix, CQI Pathways, Implementation Guide, etc.)