

Dear Interested Parties,

As you may know, EEC is in the process of designing a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) to improve quality and provide recognition for all programs serving children birth through age 14. The QRIS is a structure to organize the key functions of an early education and care (EEC) and after-school and out-of-school time (ASOST) system to produce positive outcomes for children, families, and communities.

After substantial collaboration with stakeholders, EEC would like your input on the Standards component of the QRIS. These program standards define increasing levels of quality, and are built on the various standards already in use in Massachusetts to create one set of standards for all programs and providers.

To give us your feedback, please begin by going to the QRIS page on the EEC website (<http://www.eec.state.ma.us/QRIS.aspx>), and reading the introduction to the standards. You may then read all of the standards documents or only the one that best applies to you. For further clarification on how the standards will be used, you may read the QRIS example scenario titled Using the Quality Rating and Improvement System: An Example. Once you have read those documents, please give us your feedback through the survey provided.

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