



Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement System Overview

Description

The Kansas Quality Rating and Improvement System (KQRIS) began in 2005 with a mission to:

- Improve child care for children in Kansas
- Provide families with a tool to search for high-quality care

KQRIS conducts annual assessments of licensed child care programs and awards a rating of 1 – 5 Stars, based on five key areas of quality. Each area receives points, and those total points add up to a Star Rating – just like hotels, restaurants or movies. After the Rating is completed, the program receives technical assistance, participates in a peer learning community and has access to grant, scholarship and salary supplement programs.

Delivering Services – A highlight of who does what?

Child Care Aware® of Kansas:

- Provides oversight and management of Outcomes
- Hires and supervises Raters (who conduct KQRIS assessments)
- Provides support and project guidance to CCR&R KQRIS Coaches
- Synopsizes and reports data to funders
- Provides training to CCR&R KQRIS Coaches
- Administers grant, scholarship and salary supplement components of KQRIS

CCR&Rs:

- Hires and supervises KQRIS Coaches
- Recruits KQRIS participants
- Delivers KQRIS technical assistance to KQRIS participants
- Reports Outcome data to Child Care Aware® of Kansas

KQRIS is currently available in Douglas County.