

Washington's Quality Rating & Improvement System

Moving from field test to statewide implementation

Timeline & Key Milestones

JULY 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011	NOV 2011	DEC 2011	JAN 2012	FEB 2012	MARCH 2012	APR 2012	MAY 2012	JUNE 2012
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- University of Washington releases final Seeds to Success Field Test Report
- DEL begins working with early adopters, selected from eligible field test sites, on quality improvement activities
- Standards revised, based on final field test data
- DEL finalizes data system requirements, based on final standards
- DEL begins phasing in regional delivery structure, beginning with four regions: Northwest, Southwest, Central and East

BUILD

- Implement professional development policies necessary to ensure accurate workforce data on education and training (MERIT)
- Align key system elements of licensed child care (licensing, subsidy and on-site consultation) to Washington's QRIS
- Select and begin to build robust data system that will create quality ratings and improvement plans, analyze program outcomes and track resources.
- Develop and finalize QRIS Toolkit that will outline policies and procedures related to distribution and publication of ratings, grievance and appeals process and participation requirements for new facilities.

LAUNCH & EXPAND

- Early Adopters modified rating announced, using final standards
- Roll out new data system
- On-the-ground support for licensed providers with training and technical assistance on ERS, CLASS and family engagement etc.
- Inform and engage parents about what quality is, why it's important and how to find it in their community
- Expand Washington's QRIS to new licensed centers and homes on a voluntary basis beginning July, 2012, within available resources