



Qualistar Colorado
Other Nonprofit Organization

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Assessment

Description:

Qualistar's assessments help providers identify areas of strength and areas for improvement in their learning environments and their interactions with children and families. Our menu of assessments targets the components of early childhood education that have been identified through research to positively impact children's learning outcomes. Our quality rating specialists are experienced in using a variety of assessment tools that include all age groups being served in centers and preschools, family child care, faith-based settings, and school age programs. Some assessment scores can also be used toward obtaining a higher Colorado Shines Level. In a year, we'll visit more than 850 classrooms across more than 30 counties.

Assessments include:

Certified Playground Safety Inspection: We offer Certified Playground Safety Inspections to give program leaders current information about the safety of their outdoor play spaces. Each inspection is conducted by one of our nationally certified playground safety inspectors.

CLASS® Teacher-Child Interactions Observation: The Classroom Assessment Scoring System, known as CLASS®, is a valid and reliable observation tool focused on teacher-child interactions. The CLASS® observation measures the emotional, organizational, and instructional support offered by the teacher.

Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-R®): This assessment prepares you for the Environment Rating Scale component of the Colorado Shines Quality Rating and Improvement System. The score can help you determine your eligibility for a Level 3, 4, or 5 rating in Colorado Shines.

Program Administration Scale (PAS®): This assessment considers the administrative practices involved when working with families and children including human resources, personnel cost and budgeting, center operations,

program evaluation, family partnerships, marketing, and technology.

School Age Rating: Our School Age Ratings measure the quality of out-of-school time programs, including before and after school care and summer camps.

Primary Role of Program in Early Childhood Systems:

Direct Service

Service Area(s):

Adams, Alamosa, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Baca, Bent, Boulder, Broomfield, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Denver, Dolores, Douglas, Eagle, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lake, La Plata, Larimer, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Mesa, Mineral, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Park, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit, Teller, Washington, Weld, Yuma, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Population(s) Served:

Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, Teachers, Other Professionals

Services This Program Provides that Advance the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework*:



Health & Well-Being

Settings and practices promote strong relationships, social and emotional development, appropriate nutrition and physical activity



Health & Well-Being

All environments are safe, free of toxins, have affordable foods and offer physical activity



Learning & Development

Education, coaching and ongoing training exist for caregivers, teachers and other professionals



Learning & Development

Learning experiences and environments are high quality, developmentally appropriate and affordable



Learning & Development

Formal and informal care environments and education practices reach the highest levels of quality