



# Quality Indicator Systems for Licensing

## What Are Quality Indicator Systems?

Quality indicators are measures that provide information regarding programming within the differential monitoring approach that statistically predicts program quality. Indicators are identified from various delivery systems and quality initiatives such as licensing, QRIS, quality scales, accreditation, and professional development. The quality indicators use the key indicator methodology and therefore have predictive value when it comes to determining overall quality while using a shortened version of a more comprehensive quality inspection instrument designed to measure regulatory compliance with a smaller number of requirements, while predicting high regulatory compliance with all the requirements.

## How Do Quality Indicators Systems Work?

*The Early Childhood Education Quality Indicators Scale (ECEQIS)* uses evidence-based data already available to track and measure a program's performance. They identify a subset of core components from an existing assessment system that statistically predicts regulatory compliance with the entire set. When a key indicator is found out of compliance, a full or partial expansion is needed. All scoring and scaling utilize observation, record review and interviewing if necessary. The scale is organized into two parts: 1) Record Review and 2) Observations.

✓ Measures indicators from all major initiatives in the related field.

✓ Provides an effective and efficient means for assessing the overall quality of programs in a respective jurisdiction

✓ Specialized by selecting specific program quality indicators.

*While Quality Indicator Systems have been exclusively validated in early learning programs, the methodology may be used in other licensing systems as well.*

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