

Cross Agency Collaboration:

County Office of Education, First 5 Commissions,
Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies,
and Community Care Licensing



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA EARLY STARS QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM SUMMIT

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Setting the Stage – The Opportunity

Federal Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC)

1. Increase the quality of early learning programs
2. Increase the number of children enrolled, with a focus on those with the highest needs

In 2011, California was awarded a 4-year \$75 million RTT-ELC grant to implement a QRIS

Fresno County is recipient of RTT – ELC grant to develop a regional approach to QRIS, called Early Stars

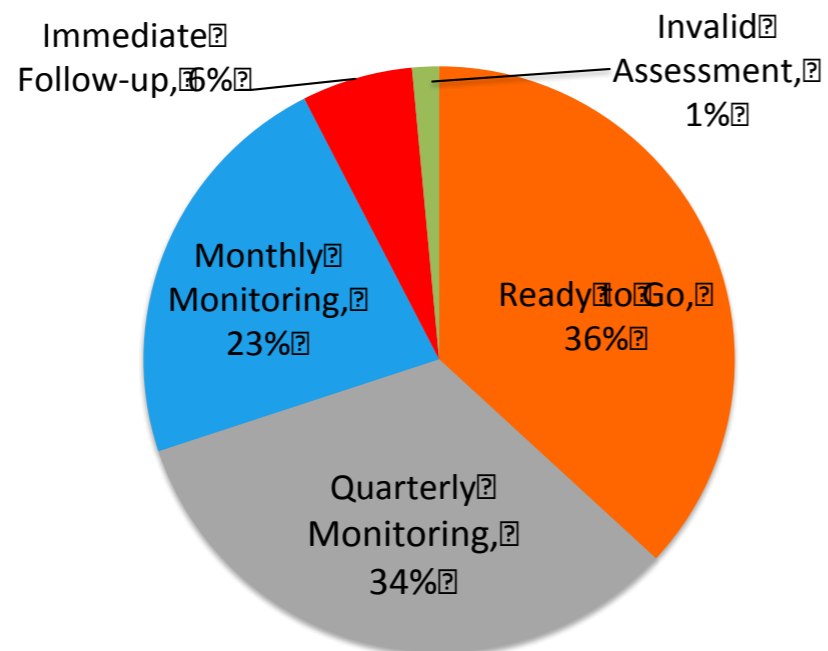
The Need for Quality Care in Fresno

Highest poverty rate across all of California

Only 46% of students reading proficiently by 3rd grade

15% of students drop out of high school

Kindergarten Student Entrance Profile (KSEP) 2013



- 62% were underprepared
- 6% required immediate follow-up
- Only 37% were prepared

Finding Quality Care in Fresno

Fresno County Office of Education

- Early Care & Education (ECE) Dept. is “home” to Child Care Planning Council Coordinator, AB212/CARES Plus, and other ECE staff – TK, B3, and Teen Parent Program.
- Lead agency for Fresno County RTT-ELC funds

Children Services Network of Central Valley (CSN)

- Fresno Accreditation Institute
- Quality Improvement Coaching Funded by First 5
- Special Needs Inclusion Team (SNIT)
- Extensive professional development



Finding Quality Care in Fresno

First 5 Fresno County

- 2013/2020 First 5 Fresno County Strategic Plan
- Community Partnerships
- Birth through 3rd Grade

CDSS— Community Care Licensing Division

- Parents/Authorized representatives may contact Resource & Referral Agency for child care provider information.
- Review CCL website Find Licensed Care (CCLD's Transparency Website) to review prior deficiencies.
- Contact CCL office to request telephone file review.
- Visit CCL Office to review public file information.



Sprit of Collaboration

Common Desired Outcome

- Increase the quality and accessibility of early care and education programs in Fresno County

Build on Each Other's Assets

- Coaching programs
- Relationships with providers



Wisdom Learned Through Bumps & Bruises

Defining Quality

What is high
quality ECE?

Successes

- Collaborative conversation
- Shared understanding

Challenges

- Competing for funding
- Accreditation v. Early Stars



Coaching

Successes

- Coaching infrastructure
- Relationships with early educators
- RTT-ELC resources

Challenges

- Coordinating coaching resources
- Training coaches; staff turnover
- Delayed QRIS framework



Engaging Other Partners

Successes

- Steering Committee
- Higher Education
- First 5 Fresno County
- Birth to Third Grade (B3) Initiative

Challenges

- Managing multiple initiatives and resources



Data Sharing & Integration

Successes

- Searchable directory includes both Early Stars and Accreditation
- Early agreement regarding all parent referrals going to CSN

Challenges

- Initially had informal verbal agreements
- QRIS matrix took 1 year to develop





Parents Main

> Find Quality Care

Quality Matters

Choosing The Right Care

Need Help?

Have Questions?

EARLY STARS VALUES:

We inspire innovations

Children who receive high quality early education do better in reading and math and are more likely to graduate high school.

Find Quality Care

It can take a lot of time and effort to find quality care. Early Stars is here to help.

Search for Care

The Early Stars database

Early Stars is your resource for early care and education quality ratings in Fresno County.



Our partners at [Central Valley Children's Services Network](#) are trained specialists who can speak with you directly and help you find programs that meet your needs.

(559) 443-4832 <http://www.cvcsn.org>

Click [here](#) to find out more about the Early Stars rating.



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Online Referrals System

FINDING CHILD CARE

F.I.N.D. CARE – CALL (559) 456-8195 MON – FRI 9 AM TO 4 PM

When you are searching for your child care referral needs, the FIND Care department would like you to keep in mind that, the information we collect is very important in order to make appropriate referrals. Please fill out all the required information. Your information is kept confidential at all times. The data collected is utilized at the State and Local levels to address the child care needs in Fresno County.

*FIND Care encourages parents to read our free brochure called "Sorting Out What You See," a guide on how to select and evaluate quality child care programs. You can download a Spanish or English copy of the brochure below, or call us and we will be happy to mail you a hard copy.

["Sorting Out What You See"](#)

["Evaluando Lo Que Ve"](#)

DISCLAIMER

BEFORE CONTINUING, YOU MUST READ AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Data Sharing & Integration

Providers Found

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Provider Name:	CSUF - Joyce Huggins Early Education	View More Information on this Provider >>
City, Zip:	Fresno, 93740-0001	Hours of Care: 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Cross Streets:	Maple & Shaw/Cedar	Type of Care: CCC
Phone Number:	(559) 278-0225	Early Star Rating: 5
License Number(s):	103801356 103801358 103801357	License Capacity: 28 72 24

Provider Name:	FEOC Early Head Start Ch. Dev. Ct	View More Information on this Provider >>
City, Zip:	Fresno, 93721-1113	Hours of Care: 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Cross Streets:	Divisadero & Blackstone	Type of Care: CCC
Phone Number:	(559) 263-1200	Early Star Rating: 4
License Number(s):	103808428 103808427	License Capacity: 16 24

Provider Name:	Mariposa Meadows Migrant	View More Information on this Provider >>
City, Zip:	Fresno, 93706-3932	Hours of Care: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Cross Streets:	Atchison & California	Type of Care: CCC
Phone Number:	(559) 233-1380	Early Star Rating: 4
License Number(s):	103801594	License Capacity: 14

Where We Are Today

Work in Progress

Partnerships are relationships that require constant diligence & nourishment

Fresno County partners have spirit of collaboration

Staffing changes at agencies

Building infrastructure and operating
at the same time



Questions & Group Discussion



Find Out More...

Fresno County Early Stars

www.earlystars.org

Children's Services Network of Central Valley

www.cvcsn.org

Fresno County Office of Education

www.fcoe.org

First 5 Fresno County

www.first5fresno.org

California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing
Division

www.cclld.ca.gov



THANK

Five 3D blocks are arranged in a row on a white surface. From left to right: a red block with 'T', a green block with 'H', an orange block with 'A', a purple block with 'N', and a green block with 'K'. Each block has its reflection on the surface below it.

YOU

Three 3D blocks are arranged in a row on a white surface. From left to right: a blue block with 'Y', a light green block with 'O', and a green block with 'U'. Each block has its reflection on the surface below it.