# PREPARING YOUR STAFF FOR A QUALITY RATING

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# **Preparing Your Staff for a Quality Rating**

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives" Willa A. Foster



# **Preparing Your Staff**

- Baseline vs. Re –review
- Baselines should have very little information shared with staff
- Re- review (have had a QRS review in the past)
   Intervention through either coaching and/or professional development by a qualified trained professional



# ERS (ITERS, FCCERS, ECERS)

#### **Resources for ERS**

- www.ersi.info
  - Most up to date "notes for clarification"
  - Supplemental materials :
  - Hand washing handouts
  - Toileting and diapering procedures
  - USDA Food Guidelines
  - Playground Safety Information



# "The Scale" and The All About

\*Every classroom or Family Child Care provider should have access to a scale (ITERS-R, FCCERS- R, ECERS-R)

\*Every site or Family Child Care provider should have access to the <u>ALL ABOUT ITERS or ECERS</u>

Materials are available through Teachers College Press or Kaplan

On-line training resources also available on line for a fee through www.ersi.info



#### The More You Know.

- Familiarize yourself with some of the key terminologies of the rating tool.
  - Substantial Portion of the Day
  - Accessible
  - Much of the Day
  - Many and Varied
- Go on an observation with an assessor who is reliable.
- When in doubt, go to the <u>All About</u>

## **Common Questions ERS Review?**

- How do I prepare?
   Study your materials
- What should I expect on the day of the assessment?
- Who will be conducting the assessment?
- What will the assessor do?
- How long is the assessment?
- Will there be more than one assessor?
- Should I have extra staff on the day of the assessment?



# What Should I Do On the Day of the Assessment?

- 1. Introduce the assessor to the staff and children,
- 2. Make sure that your day is just like any other day. The assessor should see an ordinary day at your center or home.
- 3. Make sure there is someone to care for the children at the end of the assessment for at least 20 minutes.



#### **CLASS**

# Resources for CLASS www.teachstone.org

All teaching staff or Family Child Care
Provider should have access to a CLASS
manual. Manuals are available
through Teachstone website.



## **Common Questions for the CLASS**

What is the CLASS?

www.teachstone.org/about-the-class

- Why CLASS?
- How do we prepare for a CLASS assessment?
- What is the impact of the CLASS on my staff and the children before the assessment?
- What is the impact of the CLASS on my staff and the children during the assessment?



# What Happens After My Assessment?

- Rater will give results of the assessment to your coach
  - Reports may vary by county
- Your coach will review your results with you.
- Scores done by an independent assessor are typically 1 to 2 points lower than a self-assessment.
- Remember to look at nation-wide trends for scoring.

Thank you for your interest and commitment to your staff!
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