

DHS Child Care Services
 Quality Rating and Improvement System
 “Reaching for the Stars”

- Oklahoma was the first state in the nation to implement a QRIS
- Designed using evidence based quality criteria and tiered reimbursement
- Built on minimum licensing requirements
- Goals
 - Improve quality by increasing education and competency levels of child care providers
 - Ensure adequate number of subsidy slots with sufficient reimbursement rates
 - Provide a system for parents to evaluate the quality of child care
- Benefits
 - Higher subsidy rates paid to one plus, two and three star facilities
 - Eligible for scholarships and REWARD
 - Recognition with certificates, decals and pins
 - Marketing – Child Care Locator
- Levels:
 - One Star – license/permit, meet minimum licensing requirements
 - One Star Plus – meet One Star and additional quality criteria including:
 - Oklahoma Professional Development Registry
 - Increased professional development
 - Learning environment
 - Family engagement
 - Program evaluation
 - Two Star – meet One Star, One Star Plus and:
 - Professional development in Early Learning Guidelines
 - Increased Master Teacher/Provider qualifications
 - Increased learning environment
 - Increased family engagement activities
 - Program assessment
 - Three Star – meet One Star, One Star Plus, Two Star and:
 - Nationally accredited or meet Head Start Performance Standards

• FY15	# Facilities	Capacity
○ One Star	1,760	42,391
○ One Star Plus	97	1,324
○ Two Star	1,421	57,815
○ Three Star	261	24,034
Total	3,538	125,564

58,674 children received subsidy; 95% attend Two or Three Star facilities
 Average of 32,332 children per month (3,500 in foster care)
 Average of \$10.3 million per month paid to child care providers
 \$124,200,499 total was paid to child care providers

- Cost of the Stars program is approximately \$13 million per year

- Cost of higher subsidy rates is approximately \$11.9 million than if all subsidies were paid at the One Star Rate
- Personnel and operating cost is \$1.2 million. In FY-2015 staff visited 1,216 child care facilities.