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State	QRIS Name	Date Started	Child Care Centers and/or Family Child Care?	Accreditation Systems Approved**
Arkansas	Better Beginnings	2010	Both	NAEYC, CARF, COA, NAFCC
Colorado	Qualistar	2000	Both	NAEYC, ASCI, CQLPD, NAFCC
Delaware	Delaware Stars for Early Success	2007	Both	NAEYC
District of Columbia	Going for the Gold	2000	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAFCC
Georgia	Quality Rated	2012	Both	NAEYC, AMI, ASCI, COA, NAC, NECPA, NLSA, SAC, NAFCC
Idaho	IdahoStars	2010	Both	NAEYC, NAFCC
Illinois	Quality Counts	2009	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAC, NECPA, NAFCC

Indiana	Paths to Quality	2008	Both	NAEYC, ASCI , COA, NECPA, NAFCC
Iowa	Iowa Child Care Quality Rating System	2006	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAFCC
Kentucky	STARS for KIDS NOW Child Care Rating System	2001	Both	NAEYC, COA, SACS, NAFCC
Louisiana	Quality Start	2007	Centers	
Maine	Quality for ME	2008	Both	NAEYC, COA,NAFCC
Maryland	Maryland EXCELS	2001	Both	NAEYC, AMI, AMS, CES-MSE, COA, MSDE NECPA, NAFCC
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System	2011	Both	***
Mississippi	Mississippi Child Care Quality Step Program	2010	Centers	
Montana	Best Beginnings STARS to Quality Program	2002	Both	NAEYC, NAFCC

New Hampshire	Licensed Plus	2006	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAFCC
New Mexico	Look for the Stars	1999	Both	NAEYC, ASCI, COA, ICAA, NAC, NECPA, NAFCC
North Carolina	North Carolina Star-Rated License	1999	Both	
Ohio	Step Up to Quality	2004	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAC, NECPA, NAFCC
Oklahoma	Reaching for the Stars	1998	Both	NAEYC, ASCI, COA, NECPA, NAFCC
Pennsylvania	Keystone STARS	2002	Centers and large family child care homes	NAEYC, COA, NECPA, NAFCC
Rhode Island	BrightStars	2009	Both	NAEYC, AMS, APPLE, ASCI, COA, NAC, NECPA, NAFCC
Tennessee	Star-Quality Child Care Program	2001	Both	NAEYC, COA, NAC, NAFCC
Vermont	STARS (Step Ahead Recognition System) for Child	2003	Both	NAEYC, COA, NECPA, NAFCC

	Care Programs			
Wisconsin	YoungStar	2010		NAEYC, CM, COA, NAC, SAT, NAFCC

*As of January 2012

****Key to Accreditation Systems**

ACSI = Association for Christian Schools International

AMI = American Montessori Internationale

AMS = American Montessori Society

APPLE = Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment

CARF = Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities: Child and Youth Services Standards

CES-MSE = Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools—Early Ages

CM = City of Madison

COA = Council of Accreditation for Services to Families and Children

CQLPD = Council on Quality and Leadership for People with Disabilities

ICAA = International Christian Accreditation Association

MSDE = Maryland State Department of Education Accreditation

NAC = National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs

NACECPP = National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs

NAEYC = Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation, National Association for the Education of Young Children

NAFCC = National Association for Family Child Care

NECPA = National Early Childhood Program Accreditation

NLSA = National Lutheran School Accreditation

SACS = Southern Association of Colleges and Universities

SAT = Satellite Accreditation

***Some alignment exists between state QRIS standards and NAEYC Accreditation criteria.

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