

How Mentor/Coaches Can Help with QRIS

Congratulations on your involvement with the IdahoSTARS Quality Rating and Improvement System. It is evident that you care greatly about creating high quality care and education for young children. You deserve to be applauded for your willingness to participate in this great endeavor!

Now that you have received your *Facility Profile*, if you have not already done so, you may want to request the support of an IdahoSTARS QRIS Mentor/Coach. These highly qualified and experienced early care and education professionals are very knowledgeable concerning the QRIS and are qualified to support you in the process of completing required paperwork – such as creating an *Improvement Plan*, a *Funding Request* and an *Application for a Star Rating*.

If you did not check the box on the *QRIS Scholarship Application* requesting a mentor/coach, it is not too late! Simply contact the Quality Child Care Consultant in your region and let her know that you would like to work with a QRIS Mentor/Coach. She will be happy to explain the process of selecting a mentor/coach to you. Mentor/coaching services are provided, at no charge to you, as part of your QRIS agreement, as long as funding permits.

If, during the course of implementing your *Improvement Plan* you discover that you, or your staff, would like mentor/coaching support, please request the support of a Mentor/Coach for an Individual Project by completing a *Mentor/Coaching Scholarship Application Form*. This application can be found on the IdahoSTARS web site at: www.idahostars.org. Here again, highly skilled and qualified IdahoSTARS Approved Mentor/Coaches are available to provide support in the area of every Indicator for all eight Quality Standards: Environment, Education, Professional Development, Group Size, Ratio, Inclusion, Strengthening Families, and Business Practices.

IdahoSTARS Approved Mentor/Coaches, throughout the state, are eager to help meet your needs and to help you to reach your goals. Just ask!

As the director of Mentor/Coaching Resources I, too, am committed to doing all I can to help you succeed. I can be contacted by email at: jziegert@idahoaeyc.org or by phone by dialing the Idaho Care Line, 2-1-1, and asking for me by name.

Wishing you every success,

Julaine Ziegert, Director

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IdahoSTARS QRIS Workbook for Centers