



## ***IdahoSTARS Quality Rating and Improvement System***

### **Sample Parent Letter Template Sample**

Dear Parents,

We are proud to announce that our child care program, <Facility Name>, is beginning on a new and exciting journey. Our facility has chosen to participate in the *IdahoSTARS Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)*. Facilities in the project choose to be evaluated, make improvements, and measure those improvements over the course of the next year or so. The result will be a star rating that indicates the level of quality our facility provides for children and families, much like the star ratings given to hotels and restaurants.

And our work will not end after just one year! Over the next three years, we will be working with other professionals across the state to continuously improve the quality of care we offer for both children and families. We will be looking at our classroom environment, staffing, and policies to see what we are doing well and where we can improve. We will also learn how to be more effective in supporting your family, because we know that parenting young children can be stressful. We will be among the first child care facilities in Idaho to be assigned a star rating in the QRIS, and every three years after that we will be able to update our star rating in order to reflect our improvements in quality.

As we begin work on the QRIS, we want you to know that you will be our partners in the process. We will be asking for your input on how you feel about your child's experience here. We will be holding social events to keep you informed and to ask for your feedback. Your opinions will guide us as we make decisions.

On occasion, you may see visitors to our facility and changes in our space. You may attend meetings, information nights and social events. You may volunteer for a work group to gather information, make changes, or lead events. We are looking forward to finding out what you think and how you feel about your family's experience in our facility.

Our staff is available to answer your questions or to chat about the Quality Rating and Improvement System. Your child's classroom teachers, the director, and other staff will be attending training and planning for positive changes in our facility. We look forward to the years ahead and the good things we will accomplish together.

Sincerely,

Director