



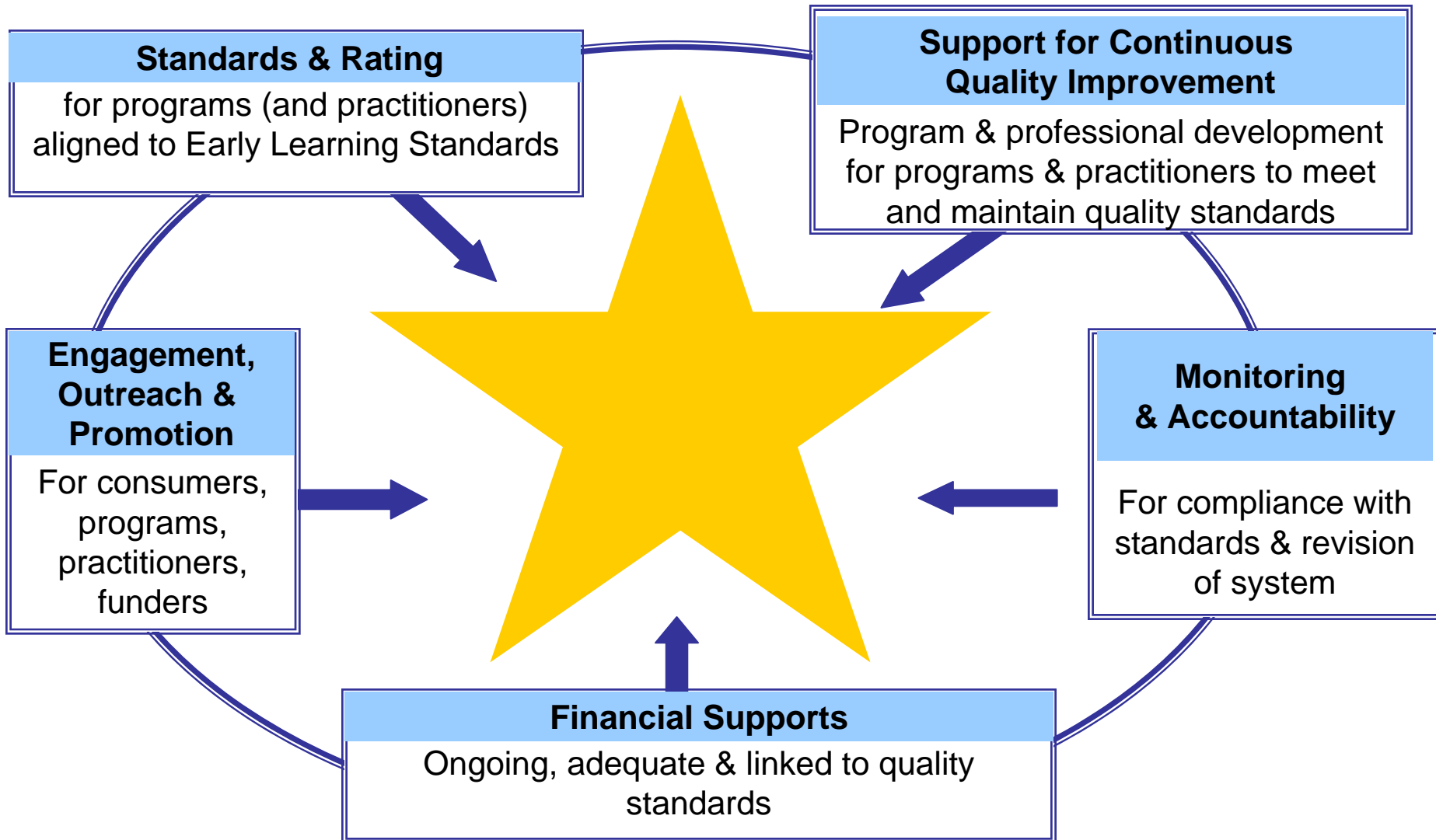
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a winning beginning for all our children

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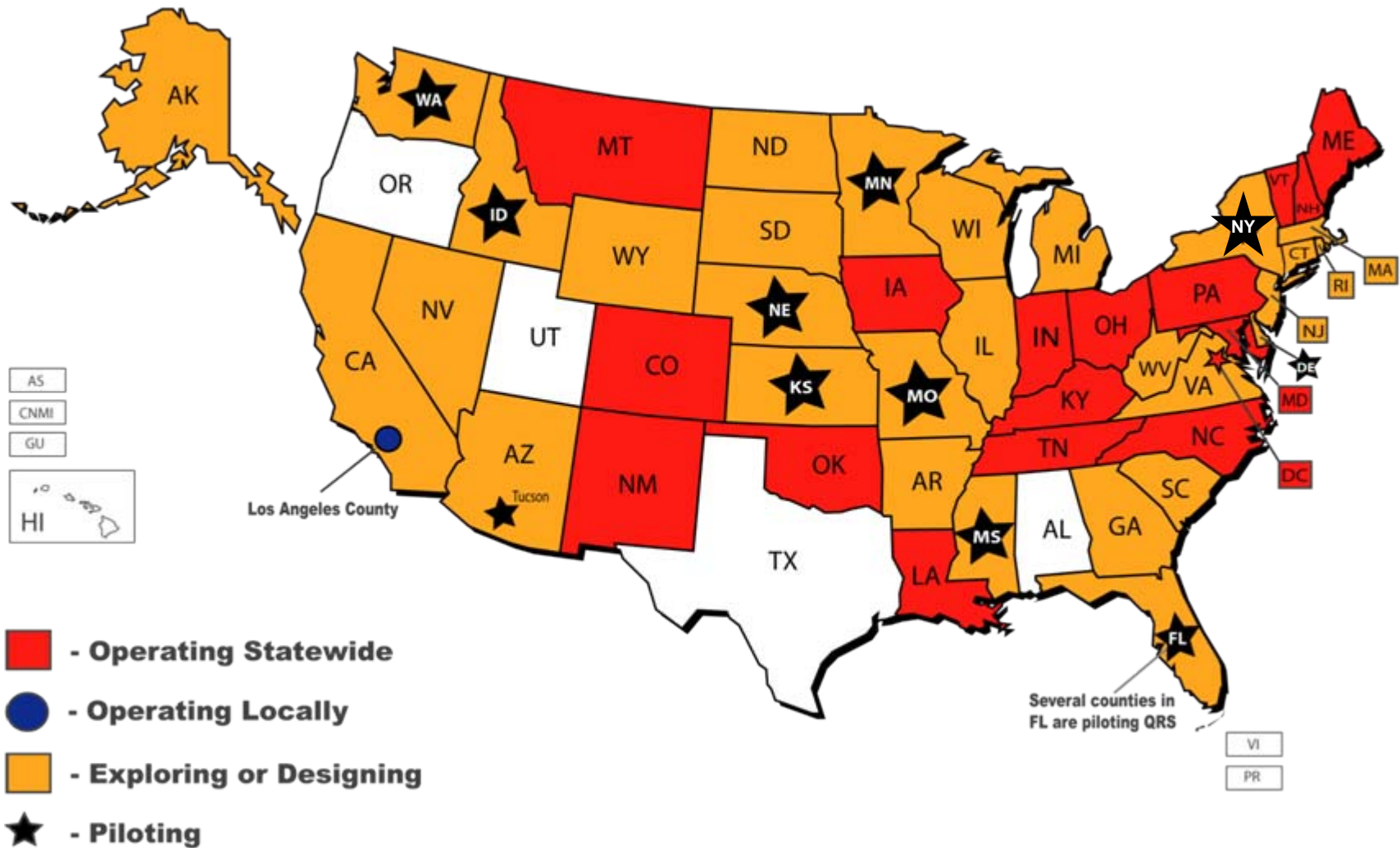
# What is a Quality Rating and Improvement System?

- Accountability system and infrastructure to support and sustain quality in all early learning settings
- Funding to help early learning settings improve quality
- Benchmarks to inform consumers about high-quality early learning
- Summary: An organized way to assess, improve and communicate the quality of early care and education programs

# Key Elements of QRIS



# States and Communities Operating, Piloting, or Exploring or Designing a Quality Rating System



Source: Data compiled by the National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center as of July 2008.

# Strategic Elements of QUALITYstarsNY

- QUALITYstarsNY will be statewide and voluntary
- 5 Star levels
- A One Star Rating is granted by completing a simple application
- Variety of ways for early learning programs to reach higher star levels through a point system

# Strategic Elements of QUALITYstarsNY

- Culturally relevant, research-based standards that build on existing regulatory frameworks
- Sufficient technical assistance, professional development and financial incentives to help all early learning settings improve

# Reaching for the Stars

- LEARNING ENVIRONMENT 25 Points
- FAMILY ENGAGEMENT 15 Points
- QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE 35 Points
- MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP 25 Points

Regulated program	★
20-25 points	★★
26-50 points	★★★
51-75 points	★★★★
76-100 points	★★★★★

100 Points

# Early History of QSNY

- The NYS QRS Work Group (2005-2007)
- Focus groups with families & early learning programs & practitioners
- Design Group drafted standards and designed field test

# Where are We Now?

- Governor's Children's Cabinet & Advisory Board embraced QRIS
- ECAC has adopted the implementation of QSNY as a major initiative
- PDI has been selected as Coordinating Agency for the field test
- Evaluator has been selected
- Invitations to Participate (ITP) to solicit lead agency in each community

# Goals of Field Test

- Evaluate ease and efficiency of application process
- Validity of standards and rating scale
- Baseline profile of current program quality in NYS
- Demonstrate value/use of community supports
- Estimate cost of achieving higher star ratings
- Educational value of participation
- Appropriate role for existing state resources

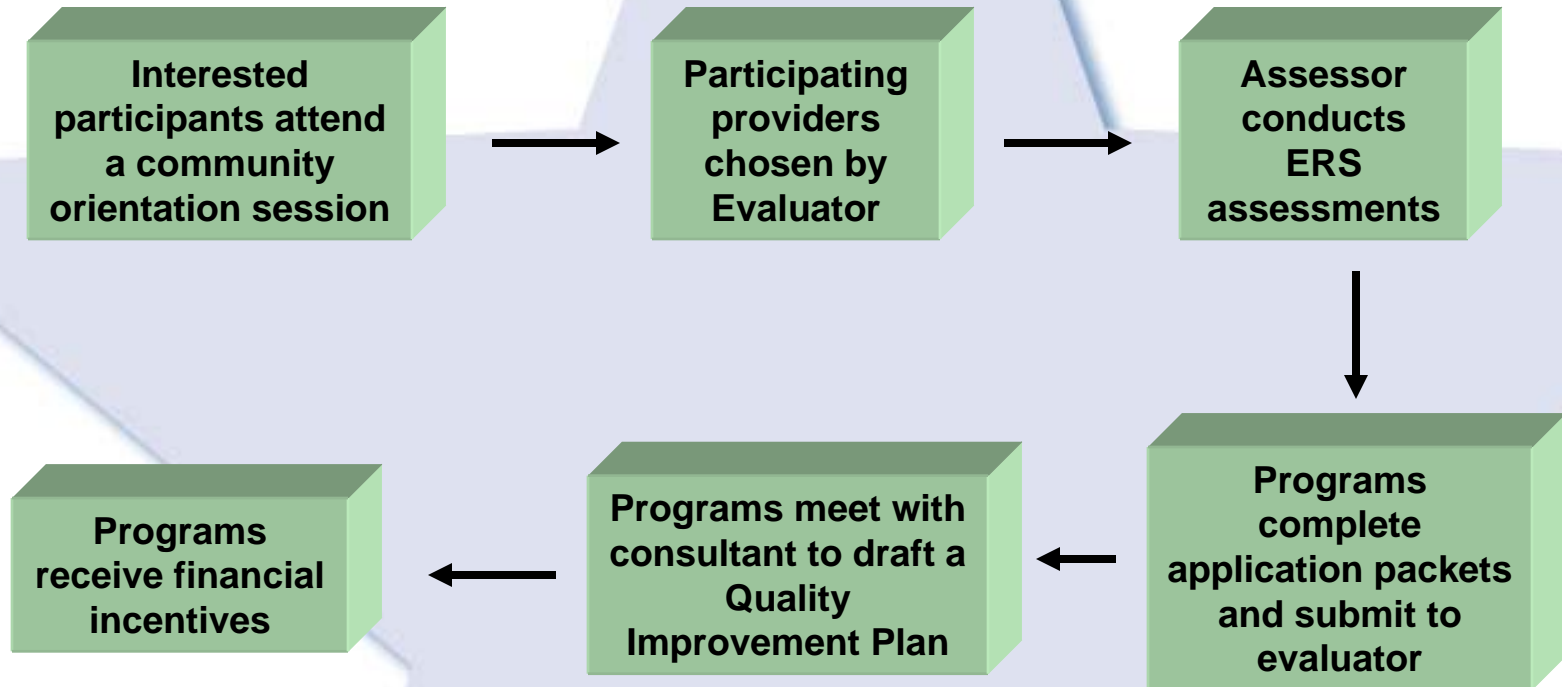
# Field Test Communities

- 13 field test sites in communities across NYS
  - 5 Upstate cities (Buffalo, Binghamton, Capital Region, Rochester, Syracuse)
  - 2 Rural areas (Clinton & Franklin and Chemung)
  - 3 Suburban areas (Long Island, Westchester & Rockland)
  - New York City – (Queens, Brooklyn, East Harlem)

# Field Test Next Steps

- Statewide orientation for all lead agencies
- Community orientation sessions
- ERS assessments and application process will begin January 2010
- Quality advisors to draft Quality Improvement Plans with input from providers

# The Process



# Post Field Test?

- Results of field test will impact how program operates in full implementation
- Questions still remain...
  - How often will programs be assessed?
  - Who will conduct the assessments?
  - What is the appeals process?
  - Who will oversee QSNY?
- Keep checking [www.qualitystarsny.org](http://www.qualitystarsny.org) for updates and to sign up to our list serve

# Questions?





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