

QUALITYstarsNY Field Test Evaluation Project
Early Childhood Environment and Related Rating Scale Assessors

General Description

Responsible for conducting observational-based assessments in school-based, center-based, and/or home-based early care and education settings as part of the QUALITYstarsNY field test.

Responsibilities

- Conduct assessments in school-based, center-based, and/or home-based early care and education settings using the Environment Rating Scale (Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale; Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale; Family Child Care Rating Scale) instruments and/or other similar observational tools (the PARS and the SELA).
- Participate in project orientation and reliability assessment activities, including ETS refresher training.
- Meet and maintain reliability criteria on all assigned assessment instruments.
- Complete paperwork related to scoring assessments within 24 hours of observation.
- Participate in team communications via conference calls, e-mail, and/or webinar.
- Submit paperwork in a timely manner.

Qualifications

- Previous experience using at least one of the ERS or the PARS or the SELA is required. Preference will be given to experienced assessors with evidence of having passed reliability tests in the past.
- BA in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Child Development, Human Development or related field. Preference for MA in one of these areas.
- Ability to relate to people of various racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Knowledge about local and state requirements and standards for early care and education program serving children birth through five years.
- Experience in child care settings as a teacher, director, trainer or researcher, especially in settings serving English Language Learners would be helpful.
- Bilingual fluency would be helpful.
- Willingness to travel.

To apply, send completed application form, cover letter, and resume with references to:

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COMPENSATION FOR CONDUCTING ERS AND RELATED OBSERVATIONS FOR QUALITYstarsNY FIELD TEST

Employer and Employment Status:

- Individuals hired to conduct ERS and related observations for the QUALITYstarsNY field test will be employed as independent consultants
- The lead agency of the field test evaluation team, the Center for Assessment and Policy Development (CAPD), will be responsible for hiring and supervision

Fee per Observation:

- **Includes:** travel time to and from program/provider site (up to 2 hours); travel expenses such as train or subway fare, mileage, parking, tolls; classroom observation and teacher interview time; recording scores and notes; submitting paperwork
- **Per completed assessment:** \$300 in NYC metropolitan area (including New York City, Long Island, and Westchester); \$200 in all other field test communities
- Payment will be made within 2 weeks of receipt of invoice and associated assessment reports

Extraordinary Expenses:

- If travel time to and from site is longer than 2 hours total (round-trip), travel time will be reimbursed at the rate of \$30/hour (pro-rated for actual time)
- If an overnight stay is required, upon approval expenses will be paid up to: \$150/night for lodging and \$50/day for meals, with submission of receipts

Training and Supervision Time:

- Required training, provided by CAPD, will be paid at a rate of \$40/hour (expected total time is 16 hours)
- Time spent in supervision activities will be paid at a rate of \$40/hour (supervision will include such activities as regular group conference calls and individual telephone calls with Data Collection Manager)
- Payment for training and supervision will be made monthly based on timesheets submitted by Data Collection Manager