



QUALITYstarsNY Newsletter

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Dear Ola,

A lot has been happening around the implementation of a quality rating and improvement system in New York State. As you may know we are embarking upon a field test of the system, QUALITYstarsNY. We would like to take this time to share with you our most recent updates and as always, you can check the [website](#) for more information.

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Field Test Communities



Thirteen communities throughout the state will participate in the field test. These communities are Albany (Capital Region), Binghamton, Buffalo, Chemung County, Franklin & Clinton Counties, Long Island, Rockland County, Rochester, Syracuse, and Westchester County.

The field test will also exist in three communities in New York City (East Harlem and a sample of zip codes in Brooklyn and Queens).

Lead Agency Role



A major component of the field test is a community partner to help with implementation. This lead agency will help to market the field test to eligible providers in the community and work with participating programs through the application and assessment processes. Lead agencies will also help to document the level of provider supports (technical assistance and professional development) in the community. Agencies in the participating communities were notified of the

self-selection process and have until November 16th to make their decisions. For answers to questions about the lead agency role and the designation process please visit here:

[Lead Agency FAQs](#)

Featured Resource



The Build Initiative is a project of the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative. Build works in a number of states to support states' efforts in building a comprehensive early childhood systems, of which quality rating and improvement systems are a part. Click [here](#) for more information on Build and access to a number of resources on QRIS efforts.

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Website Updates

Here at QUALITYstarsNY we are constantly updating the website to bring you the latest information about the project and the field test. Below is a list of some of our recent updates:

- [Letter from the NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council](#)
- [FAQs about the Lead Agencies](#)
- [New contact information for questions and comments](#)
- [Updated field test presentation](#)

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