The New QRIS Online Compendium

October 2014
**Agenda**

**About the QRIS Compendium**

- 2010 QRS Compendium
- 2014 data collection and website development

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- Data collection overview
- Data tools (State Profiles, Create a Report, Top Ten)

**Demo**

- qriscompendium.org site walk through

**Questions**
2010 QRS Compendium

- In 2010, the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) contracted with Mathematica Policy Research and their partner Child Trends to publish the Compendium of Quality Rating Systems and Evaluations (the Compendium).

- The Compendium provided descriptive information about 26 QRIS operating in states and local areas as of 2009.

- Developers and technical assistance providers use the information to understand the range of options and decision points for a QRIS, while evaluators use the Compendium as a reference to develop research questions and hypotheses about the elements of QRIS that are most effective in achieving desired goals.

- Multiple states have revised their quality standards since 2009, and a number of states have launched a QRIS but are not included in the Compendium.
BUILD’s Initial Concept and Commitment

A. BUILD Commitment

B. Compendium Rationale: Clear need for a new compendium that is

- **Regularly updated** database of information on QRIS in every state and territory
- **Searchable** online database
- Opportunities for **comparative analysis** across states/across elements
- Analysis of **select dimensions**
- Full state/local QRIS **profiles**
- **Historical** catalog of information to allow trend analysis over time
- **Linkages** to other aspects of a state or regional system such as subsidy policies or demographic information to provide greater context
2014 QRIS Online Compendium

Recognizing the need for an updated QRIS Compendium, the BUILD Initiative contracted with Child Trends to begin collecting data from states and localities with the end product being an interactive website with the following features:

• Creation of unique data that include multiple QRIS elements and systems
• Full state/local QRIS profiles
• Analysis of select QRIS dimensions
• Historical information about key policies within a state/local QRIS
• Resource documents about QRIS
2014 QRIS Compendium Pilot

• Advisory Committee to provide guidance
• November 2013 through January 2014
• Four states: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland
• Data elements revised based on experience from the pilot
• Data collection procedures refined following the pilot
2014 Data Collection

40 QRIS

• 4 pilot systems
• 17 systems in round one, 19 systems in round two
• 14 additional systems in the early stages of development

Process

• Approximately 6 weeks from start to finish to complete a profile
• Data search and entry by Child Trends, log in information sent to key informants to enter data, interview, profile finalization

Timeline

• Data collection complete in August
Select Data Elements

Program Information
• QRIS name
• Voluntary nature of program participation
• Percent of participating programs at rating level one, by program type

Rating
• Rating structure
• Length of time rating is valid
• Process for automatic rating

Indicators-Center
• Number of center indicator categories
• Content categories
• Licensing required for enrollment

Indicators-Family Child Care
• Use of existing ratio and group size standards
• Features of health safety indicators
• Curriculum identified for preschoolers

Public Awareness
• Outreach to parents
• Entity providing outreach
• Method of outreach to parents

Funding
• Funding amounts and sources

Observational Tools
• Observational tools used
• Frequency of observations

Onsite Assistance
• On-site assistance provider types
• Length of on-site sessions
• Total duration of on-site assistance

Financial Incentives
• Financial incentive types
• Tiered reimbursement rates by QRIS level

Data Systems
• Data system type
• Types of data included

Evaluation
• Status of evaluation
• Type of evaluation
• External evaluator used

Partnerships
• Partner name
• Partner role
• Partner contact information
Website Development

• Public-facing design began in March 2014
  • Pages: Home, About, Contact, Glossary, Resources
  • Tools: Create a Report, State Profiles, Top Ten

• Timeline
  • User testing in mid-August
  • Website launch in October
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Public Portal-Data Tools

Top Ten
• Highlights of the most important data points about QRIS
• Contrasting trends between systems in 2014
• Comparing changes from 2010

State Profiles
• Full data profiles for each state or locality

Create a Report
• Run a customizable query for just the states and data elements (or categories of elements) of interest
• Reports downloadable in a spreadsheet format for easier analysis
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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FEEDBACK

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Thank you!

Additional comments and questions?

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