



Family Engagement in QRIS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Where was the information for the national aggregate chart and state charts obtained?

A: Data reported by this project was generated by the Quality Rating and Improvement Systems Compendium (QRIS Compendium) retrieved from <http://griscompendium.org> on May 2, 2017. The QRIS Compendium is an online comprehensive resource that allows for the creation of customizable data reports about specific QRIS data elements, such as the family partnership and engagement indicators being used in each program.

Q: This project reports on four features of family engagement.

A: According to the QRIS Compendium, the information generated by their database represents information submitted by representatives within each state and was updated in December 2016.

Q: How do the charts reflect that family engagement might be included in licensing or accreditation requirements and therefore not reflected in the state's QRIS indicators?

A: This project is unique in its focus on those elements of family engagement specifically measured in QRIS. While it is understood that licensing regulations form the foundation or baseline for many QRIS programs, this project advocates for key features of family engagement to be used in ongoing performance monitoring, rather than point-in-time verification often characterized by licensure procedures.

Q: I am interested in learning more about QRIS programs in other states. How do I get in touch with other state and QRIS administrators?

A: There are many ways to connect and network with fellow state and QRIS administrators, including:

- a.) Each state chart has a website that links to the respective state's program website. From there, you may click on contact information which is readily available on most of the sites.
- b.) The Administration for Children and Families website also maintains a list of state and territory contacts at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/ccdf-grantee-state-and-territory-contacts>
- c.) Additionally, the Family and Community Engagement Department at Child Care Aware® of America may provide contact information on a 1:1 request basis. Email us at familyengagement@usa.childcareaware.org