



Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS): Family Engagement Features Report

Massachusetts Quality Rating and Improvement System (MA QRIS)

Feature Category	Child Care Centers	Family Child Care
Communication <i>e.g., Bulletin board, parent handbook, written communication, initial intake or orientation meeting</i>	✓	✓
Family Needs & Feedback Inform Program <i>e.g., Strengthening Families checklist, parent advisory board, parent survey, child assessment results are shared with families</i>	✓	✓
Collaborative Activities with Families <i>e.g., Parent teacher conferences, activities with families, parent education</i>	✓	✓
Community Resources & Family Support <i>e.g., community resource list</i>	✓	✓
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs offer opportunities for parents to meet with classroom staff, at least monthly. Program maintains ongoing communication with the school/early intervention program, CFCE grantee, mental health providers to facilitate collaboration and coordination of services that support children and families. A daily two way communication system is available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A daily two-way communication system is available between the educators and families through a variety of means (e.g. scheduled telephone hour, checklists, e-mail). Educator either directly or through a system or network (i.e. CFCE grantee) has written collaborative agreements with early intervention programs, the local LEA, mental health, health, dental health, a program

between the educators and families through a variety of means.

- Families are encouraged to volunteer in the program, to assist in the classroom, and share cultural and language traditions or other interests such as their jobs, hobbies and other relevant information.
- Program ensures all children and families have access to comprehensive screenings, referrals and services including developmental screening, mental health screening, speech screening, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, dental health care, and nutrition services.

health consultant, U.S.D.A. Food and Nutrition program that specifies the responsibilities and duties of each entity in supporting children and families.

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