



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

Minnesota: Parent Aware

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	<p>Family engagement is embedded across all of the Parent Aware indicator categories. The following indicators were mentioned elsewhere in this survey, but were not called out as family engagement indicators. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH1a. Provides all families with contact information for health and screening services, • TR1a. Provides families with contact information for one or more local family education options, including but not limited to Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programs, • PH2a. Provides all families with local contact information for family support services, • TR2a. Offers orientation meetings for new parents that include a discussion about their preferences, • AC2a. Gives families copies of observation summaries prepared using authentic observation practices, • PH3a. Has a plan for assisting families with accessing family support services, program gives families copies of written guidelines about the importance of providing healthy meals and 	

- copies of sample menus, and
- AC3e. Provides families with child assessment results.

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