



**QUALITYstarsNY** is New York State's quality improvement and recognition system for early childhood programs of all kinds. It is designed to recognize programs that demonstrate quality above and beyond meeting New York's strong regulatory standards. **QUALITYstarsNY** is designed to help improve program quality by providing supports such as technical assistance and professional development. The quality of participating programs at five levels – One-Star to Five-Stars – will be communicated to the public to support families in their search for early childhood services. Participation in **QUALITYstarsNY** is voluntary; programs that do participate will gain access to support services and financial resources. Once **QUALITYstarsNY** is launched, any program that is regulated by the State of New York or the City of New York will be able to apply for a One-Star rating by completing a simple application.

The field test of **QUALITYstarsNY** is currently underway. This field test will provide data to guide decisions necessary for statewide implementation of **QUALITYstarsNY**. The NYC Early Childhood Professional Development Institute (PDI), housed at the City University of New York is coordinating the field test.

### Where Are We Now?

- ★ 13 field test communities have been identified:
  - Albany – Capital Region
  - Binghamton
  - Brooklyn NYC
  - Buffalo
  - Chemung County
  - Clinton & Franklin Counties
  - East Harlem NYC
  - Long Island
  - Rockland County
  - Rochester
  - Syracuse
  - Queens NYC
  - Westchester County

### What's Next?

- ★ Local community orientation sessions will be held throughout January 2010
- ★ ERS Assessments and application process will begin January 2010
- ★ Quality improvement consultants will create Quality Improvement Plans with provider input

For more information on **QUALITYstarsNY** visit: [www.qualitystarsny.org](http://www.qualitystarsny.org) or contact Ola Friday at [info@qualitystarsny.org](mailto:info@qualitystarsny.org) or (212) 652-2067.



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