

QUALITY FIRST!

FY15 Proposed Model Updates





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TIMELINE

- Public Release—Week of April 8th
- Public Comments until May 17th
- Quality First Webinars:
 - April 25th and May 10th
- Proposed Updates June Board Meeting
- QF Comment Email:
Qfupdates@azftf.gov



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PROGRESS EXPECTATIONS

When are providers no longer eligible to participate in QF?

- Programs rated at a 1 star must increase their rating to 2 star or higher within 3 assessment cycles.
- Programs rated at 2 stars must increase their rating to a 3 star or higher within 3 assessment cycles.



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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Beginning July 1, 2013 programs on the waiting list will not be eligible for scholarships.
- Beginning July 1, 2014 programs at the 2, 3, 4 and 5 star levels will be eligible for scholarships.
- Beginning July 1, 2015 programs at the 3, 4 and 5 star levels will be eligible for scholarships.



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SCHOLARSHIP RATES

- Currently 216 different rates:
 - 2010 DES Market Rate Survey (MRS)
 - DES Districts
 - Provider Type
 - Age Bands
 - Star Rating



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COST OF QUALITY



	1-Star	2-Star	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star
0 - 12 Months	\$8,467.58	\$8,467.58	\$11,603.89	\$14,282.49	\$18,860.88
13 - 24 Months	\$7,696.93	\$7,696.93	\$10,263.85	\$14,282.49	\$18,860.88
25 - 36 Months	\$6,641.92	\$6,641.92	\$8,328.51	\$10,709.54	\$13,796.89
37 - 48 Months	\$5,317.37	\$5,317.37	\$6,395.76	\$8,327.57	\$10,420.89
*49 - 60 Months	\$5,034.80	\$5,034.80	\$5,983.43	\$7,851.18	\$9,745.69
Weighted Avg.	\$6,142.45	\$6,142.45	\$7,711.36	\$10,087.95	\$12,915.90



PROPOSED ANNUAL RATES

- Total of 4 variations in place of 216
- 2 age bands
- One statewide rate
- Family and group homes 67% center rate
- One rate at 3, 4 and 5 set at 90% of the cost of quality

		1 Star	2 Star	3-5 Stars
Centers	0-36 mo	\$ -	\$ 7,969	\$ 11,300
	37-72 mo	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,300
Homes	0-36 mo	\$ -	\$ 5,625	\$ 7,600
	37-72 mo	\$ -	\$ 4,875	\$ 6,200



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SCHOLARSHIP SLOT FORMULA

- FY14 investment (\$40 million) as base
- Maintain fiscal stability
- Maintain continuity of care for families
- Increase in star level coincides with an increase in scholarships:
 - Reward Quality
 - Provide low-income access highest possible care
- % of 3, 4, 5 star providers will increase over time:
 - Fewer slots per provider
 - Fewer children served



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SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS

- April 1st—date by which rating to be determined
- New program determined on actual star rating
- Financial incentives at 1 and 2 stars
- Scholarships at 3, 4, and 5 stars
- QF full participation with no scholarships
- Rates will be paid regardless of what program charges
- Tuition recommended not to exceed 10% of gross household income



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ALIGNMENT BETWEEN QUALITY FIRST AND PRE-K

- Originally stand alone strategies
- Same desired outcome
- June 2012, State Board approved alignment of strategies
- Common branding
- QF regionally based strategy



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QUALITY FIRST PRE-K

- Rating Only
- New programs rated in year 1, scholarships in year 2
- Align selection process
- Option to double the cap
- Waiver available to go beyond double the cap
- Eligible for targeted scholarships



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QUALITY FIRST PRE-K

- Number of Pre-K slots funded at the discretion of each council
- Slots distributed based on eligibility
- Mentoring Component



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QUALITY FIRST BUY-IN

- Rating Only
- Cost neutral to FTF and grantees
- Priority assessment
- Sponsored Quality First sites



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- Quality First no longer guaranteed 2 slots
- Quality First prioritized