

Quality First, Arizona's Quality Improvement and Rating System Strategy Update

Implementation Phases

Phase I (2009): Improvement to Quality

Phase II (2010): Quality Rating Pilot

Phase III (2011): Rollout of Star Rating

Program Enrollment Data **as of 1/6/11*

Center-based programs: 463

Home-based programs: 184

Total enrolled: 647

Significant Achievements

- ★ Building the capacity of the early childhood field to serve Arizona's youngest children in quality center-based and home-based settings
- ★ Increasing participation in quality improvement activities across a variety of early care and education settings
- ★ Enhanced classroom environments for over 36,000 children with 41% being infants and toddlers
- ★ Improved health practices and teacher/child interactions in early care and education settings
- ★ Increased access to higher education for early childhood staff