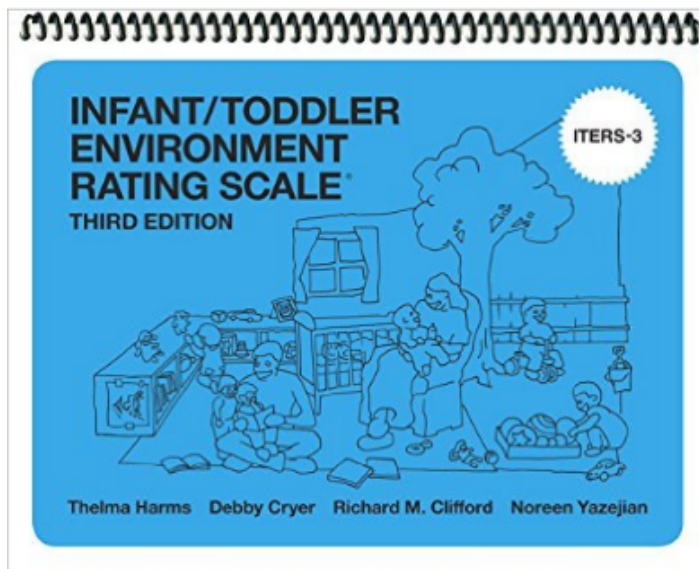




February 2017

ERSI Announces Revisions to ITERS-R



What is it?

The Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI) has announced plans to release a revised rating scale to replace ITERS-R. The new scale, ITERS-3, has an increased emphasis on responsive care-giving, language and literacy development, as well as the importance of meaningful and engaging interactions with infants and toddlers.

What are the big differences?

- No Much of the Day calculation (MoD)
- No teacher interview
- Improved scaling of indicators in personal care routine items
- Less focus on counting materials
- Better definition of accessible based on the ages of the children, with less required for very young infants and non-mobile infants

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All programs have to do is visit qualityrated.dec.ga.gov, create an account and complete a brief application with demographic information about their program.

Once they have completed this information, they must submit their application for approval by checking the

- 6 new language and literacy items, a new math and number item
- Designed for children 0 - 35 months

When?

Expected publication date June 2017

What does this mean for me?

Quality Rated is developing a transition plan to ensure a gradual and intentional switch to the new instrument. Look for plenty of professional development opportunities and scale specific training, as well as a transition plan in the months following the scale's release.

Check out this YouTube clip from the authors discussing why ITERS-3 has a strong emphasis on language and literacy.



ITERS-3

**Attend the Peer Support Network's
March Meetings**

box at the bottom of the application.

We hope to see many more child care providers get started on the path to becoming Quality Rated!



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PEER SUPPORT NETWORK

If you've never been to a meeting of the Peer Support Network the time is RIGHT!

March Meeting: The Director's Role in Quality

You will have the opportunity to meet and network with other Quality Rated professionals in your area. Learn how you can work together and continue to improve the outcomes for the children in your program. Join us and share your suggestions for topics at future Peer Support Network meeting

For more information and to register for this session:

<https://qrpsn.eventbrite.com>



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Share YOUR Strengths

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Collaborate with Your Peers

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Improve Classroom Practices

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Network with Quality Rated Professionals

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Meetings:
 March 4th (CCCLD)
 March 14th (CCCLC)
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Join the **Peer Support Network** for it's March meetings where the topic of discussion will be **The Director's Role in Quality**.


During the meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet and network with other Quality Rated professionals in your area. The March meetings are scheduled for March 4 for family providers and March 14 for center based providers.

Click the link below to find out more information and to register for this session <https://qrpsn.eventbrite.com>

The Peer Support Network is open to all Quality Rated programs as well as those who are in the process of earning or increasing their Quality Rated star rating.

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- ★★ **The Sunshine House #80, Loganville (1 to 2 star)**
- ★★★ **Pike County Head Start Center, Zebulon (2 to 3 star)**
- ★★ **KinderCare Learning Center #1527, Alpharetta (1 to 2 star)**
- ★★★ **McIntosh Trail ECDE Head Start, Thomaston (2 to 3 star)**

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