

## Parent Consent Information

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Congratulations, your child is enrolled with a child care provider who is participating in Quality Start Riverside County! Quality Start Riverside County assists early care and education programs so they can provide high quality early learning experiences to children from birth through age five. Quality Start Riverside County supports providers that agree to be rated in different areas that affect early learning quality. Once rated, they receive professional development and training to help them improve the quality of their services for children and families.

### **How can you support your Quality Start Riverside County provider?**

You can provide information about your family to your child care provider. Quality Start Riverside County uses provider rating information along with information from families to improve its services for programs and families. First 5 California and the California Department of Education will also use this information in a statewide evaluation that will help make programs better.

The information you share will be used to answer questions such as:

- Do our programs help children and families?
- Which programs and services work best, and for which children and families? How can we make these programs better?

### **How is your information protected?**

- It is against the law to share your information without your written approval. But, if you do agree to share your information, your privacy is well protected: No report will include information that identifies you or your child.
- Only programs included in the consent form will see your identifying information (such as name, address and phone number).
- The database uses advanced technology to protect your information.

### **What are your rights in sharing information?**

- You and your children will receive services even if you do not agree to share information.
- If you provide information, you can always change your mind and have your information removed.
- You can receive a copy of your written approval to share information for your own records.

If you have questions about sharing information, please call: (951) 715-4500 or toll free (800) 266-3880.

For more information about Quality Start Riverside County, visit <http://www.qualitystartrc.org/>

