



New York State Board of Regents

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QUALITYstarsNY:

- Is designed to help parents access the best possible care and education for their youngest children;
- Sets universal program standards linked to star ratings;
- Helps improve quality of early care and education programs;
- Uses proven methods to assess, improve, and communicate the quality of early childhood education;
- Is cost-effective, ensures accountability, and maximizes limited funding; and
- Meets the federal requirement for implementing a Quality Rating and Improvement System to receive federal funds.

HOW DOES QUALITYSTARSNY WORK?

QUALITYstarsNY is a rating and improvement system where a program can obtain points in each of four categories, cumulating in a total score:

Learning Environment:	30% points
Family Engagement:	20% points
Qualifications and Experience:	25% points
Leadership and Management:	<u>25% points</u>
Total:	100% points

HOW DOES QUALITYSTARSNY WORK?

Points are then totaled across the four categories. At least ten percent of the total points must be earned in each category.

	Regulated Program	“meeting basic standards”
	10-39% Points	“satisfactory quality”
	40-59% Points	“good quality”
	60-84% Points	“very good quality”
	85-100% Points	“excellent quality”

QUALITYstarsNY:

Serves 328 programs and 22,002 children statewide

NYS Programs

	98
	89
	45
	91
	5
Total:	328

EXAMPLES OF RATED PROGRAMS

Program Name	Learning Enviro.	Family Engage.	Quals. & Experience	Leadership & Mgmt.	Total	Star Rating
Early Childhood Program #1	74/107	26/67	57/90	70/90	227/354	★★★★
Early Childhood Program #2	95/107	58/67	78/90	85/90	316/354	★★★★★
Early Childhood Program #3	54/107	23/67	48/90	70/90	209/354	★★★
Early Childhood Program #4	74/107	26/67	34/90	70/90	204/354	★★★
Early Childhood Program #5	74/107	28/67	64/90	70/90	236/354	★★★★

Play video of QUALITYstarsNY, produced in 2009.

<http://www.winningbeginningny.org/video/qualitystarsny.php>

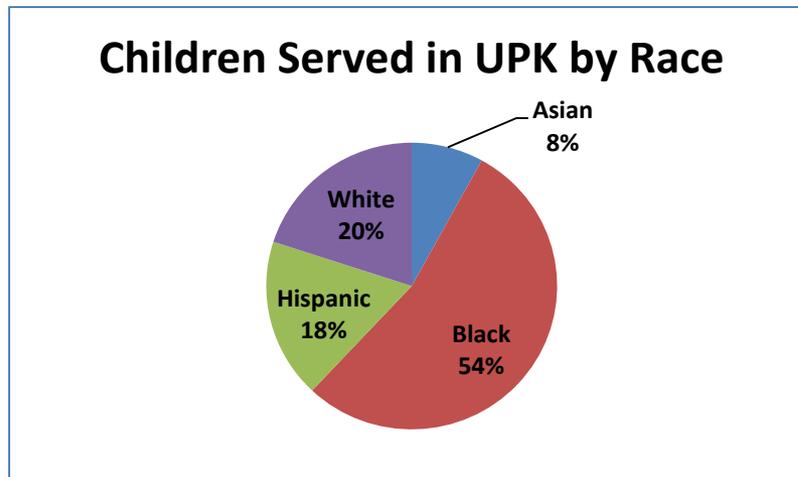
Update since video was produced:

- Today, more than 35 states have fully implemented Quality Rating and Improvement Systems. Nearly every other state is planning, developing, or implementing a system
- Additionally, Pre-K expansion has emphasized a quality component

Melissa Hasty

Early Childhood Coordinator

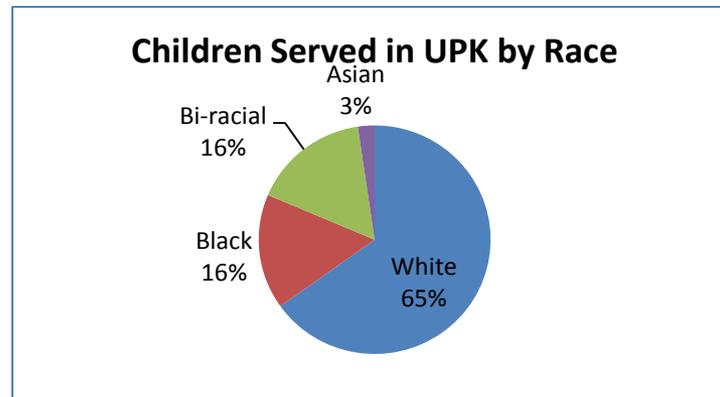
- Participating in QUALITYstarsNY since 2010.
- 12 elementary buildings plus 5 offsite locations
- 586 students plus 36 for priority PK.



Tammy DiCocco

Cohoes City School District, UPK Director

- For 30+ years, the Child Development Center, “CDC,” has provided quality child care programs for families of the City of Cohoes and surrounding communities.
- CDC has participated in QUALITYstarsNY since 2010
- Capacity to serve 48 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years.



Victory Riedy

Victory Child Care Inc., Founder

- Established 1989
- 121 children are served in 8 classrooms, including Infants, Toddlers, Pre-school, Pre-K and a School Age After School and Summer Program.

