

QRIS Evaluation: Challenges and Opportunities

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Evaluating a Market-based Intervention - Issues

- ❑ Measuring who participates, why
- ❑ Testing wage/price effects
- ❑ Measuring parent knowledge, demands and behavior
- ❑ Sampling implications of these questions

Data Sources, Topics

- ❑ Program questionnaire (pre-post): structural characteristics, compensation, PD policies, prices, % subsidized, why participate/not, perceived cost of meeting standards, changes made since participating; parent demands.
- ❑ Staff questionnaire. PD participation; qualifications; professional commitment.
- ❑ Reviewer/rater data: ERS scales; checklist of requirements for quality level

Data Sources, Topics - 2

- Parent survey. Knowledge of standards, of provider's rating; select/change programs; seek improvement at current provider.
- Site operations information: changes in amount of PD and other support offered programs; parent communication venue and frequency.

	QRIS Applicants: randomly assigned Participant, Control	Non-applicants
Program Organization Survey (Center, FCC)	5 sites X 2 groups X 25 programs = 250 programs	5 sites X 25 programs = 125 programs
Staff Questionnaire	250 programs; multiple classrooms per center	Not necessary
Reviewer/Rater Data (ERS; standards checklist)	250 programs; multiple classrooms per center	5 sites X 25 programs = 125 programs; multiple classrooms per center
Parent Questionnaire	10 parents per program, participant and control	General population ?
Site Operations Survey	5 sites	Not necessary