

Data Panel

Department of Early Childhood Education

Certified Teacher Coaching Program

The Quality Improvement System (QIS), funded by the Children’s Services Council, is a comprehensive, voluntary early care and education system that seeks to enhance the quality of child care facilities serving children ages birth to five. Research has proven that children participating in quality early education settings are more likely to succeed in school and life. The QIS is open to private child care centers and public prekindergarten classrooms that have a rate agreement with Family Central, Inc. to accept subsidized children. QIS currently provides improvement services to 80 sites with a varying number of classrooms per site through on-site technical assistance provided by the **QIS Early Learning Coaches (highly trained “Certified Teachers” employed and managed by the School District)**, reliable assessments, mini-grants, staff professional development opportunities, educational scholarships, wage supplements and educational incentive awards. Star Ratings and the accompanying evaluations are used for feedback and continuous improvement and are not made public. Therefore, only the scores for the public school sites participating in the QIS program with services from the Early Learning Coaches are listed below.

QIS School Based - School Year Prekindergarten Programs			
	4-Star Quality Improvement System (QIS) Rating		
Elementary School	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	Notes
Belle Glade	4 stars	4 stars	
Berkshire	N/A	N/A	New site for 07/08 school year
Galaxy	4 stars	4 stars	
Heritage	3 stars	4 stars	
Highland	4 stars	4 stars	
KEC/Canal Point	4 stars	4 stars	
Lincoln	4 stars	3 stars	Closed for 07/08 school year – Did not meet class size
Melaleuca	N/A	4 stars	New site for 06/07 school year
Palmetto	4 stars	closed	N/A
Pine Grove	4 stars	4 stars	
Roosevelt	4 stars	4 stars	
Rosenwald	4 stars	4 stars	
Starlight Cove	4 stars	4 stars	
UB Kinsey	4 stars	4 stars	
Westward	4 stars	4 stars	
Wynnebrook	4 stars	4 stars	

The 4-Star Quality Improvement System (QIS) Rating ranges from 1 Star, which reflects basic child care licensing requirements, to 4 Stars, which denotes a higher level of quality. The QIS is funded by the Children’s Services Council (CSC) and is implemented through a partnership that includes CSC, the School District, Palm Beach Community College, Health Care District, Family Central and the participating private child care centers. The District’s prekindergarten classrooms under the Department of Early Childhood Education that receive services from the Early Learning Coaches are assessed annually. The annual assessment includes use of the nationally recognized, research based tool - the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) - and other quality standard measures for professional development, parent involvement, child assessment, teacher/student ratio, and curriculum implementation.