

AA/AS	Associate of Arts/Associate of Science degree
AB212 PDP	A specific Professional Development Program that supports continuing education, professional growth and development.
Accreditation	Child care centers, family child care homes and school-age child care programs may apply for and receive national accreditation from several organizations. The accreditation guidelines vary but are generally higher than those required by local or state regulations and licensing.
Action Plan	A quality-improvement plan developed with your QIRS-assigned coach
AMS	American Montessori Society
ASQ	Ages & Stages Questionnaire
ASQ Screenings	Ages & Stages Questionnaire Screenings
ASQ/ASQ SE	Ages & Stages Questionnaire Social-Emotional
BA/BS	Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree
CCIP	Child Care Initiative Project
CD	Child Development
CLASS	Classroom Assessment Scoring System
COA	Council on Accreditation
Coach	A QIRS assigned expert to provide onsite quality improvement assistance
CSPP	California State Preschool Program
Developmental Screening Tool	A tool to assess children's developmental progress
DRDP	Desired Results Developmental Profile
ECE	Early Childhood Education
ECERS	Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
ERS	Environment Rating Scale
FCCERS	Family Child Care Environmental Rating Scale
FCCH	Family Child Care Homes
Food Program	CalFresh, SNAP
Foundations and Frameworks	California Preschool Curriculum from CA Dept of Education
Gateway to Quality	First 5 Sonoma Mini-Grant program for returning child care providers
ITERS	Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale
Licensed Child Care Provider	Child Care with a State License
Matrix	A table of QIRS/QRIS requirements
NAC	National Accreditation Commission
NAEYC	National Association for the Education of Young Children
NAFCC	National Association for Family Child Care
NECPA	National Early Childhood Program Accreditation
Non-Licensed Child Care Provider	A child care without a state issued license
PD	Professional Development

Portfolio	A compilation of required QIRS documents
Professional Growth Plan	A written statement of professional development goals
QIRS	Quality Improvement Rating System in Sonoma County
QIRS Consortium	The governing body for QIRS
QIRS Consortium Review Committee	The QIRS committee that will be reviewing applications
QRIS	Quality Rating & Improvement System in other counties
Quality Improvement Plan	See 'Action Plan'
Rater	A professional who evaluates and rates the programs
READY	Road to Early Achievement and Development of Youth
Reliable external assessor	A certified professional who is reliable to the ERS/CLASS tools
SASC	State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care
SNAP-ED	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education
Special Needs	Developmental delays, serious emotional disturbances, speech impairments, deafness, blindness, etc.
TALLK	Teachers Acquiring Language Learner Knowledge
Tier Rating	Quality Counts rating provided by your QIRS assigned rater
Title 22	California Code of Regulations pertaining to Community Care Licensing
VIP	Value In Preschool