



WHAT IS CAPITAL QUALITY?

Capital Quality measures the quality of early care and education programs in licensed child development facilities and supports programs to continuously improve quality. As DC's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), Capital Quality measures a child development program in areas that are known to make a difference in early learning quality, including the environment, program structure and teacher-child interactions. Quality facilitators help facilities focus on continuous quality improvement and best practices.

THE ROLE OF QUALITY FACILITATORS

Quality facilitators provide 3-8 hours of support services each month, assisting facilities in meeting the on-site administrator's (OSA's) strategic priorities. The supports and services provided by the quality facilitator are designed to assist OSAs to meet the requirements of Capital Quality and aligned quality goals identified by facilities.

CAPITAL QUALITY AND SUPPORTS FOR NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Where a facility has identified obtaining or renewing national accreditation as a goal, quality facilitators can support OSAs in assessing, identifying and implementing practices, programs or changes needed in their facility to meet the requirements of national bodies of accreditation. Quality facilitators can provide the following supports to assist facilities in obtaining or renewing national accreditation:

- Assist in a comprehensive review of accreditation standards and requirements;
- Support the development of the organizational profiles, staffing plans and portfolios required by accrediting bodies;
- Assist facilities in compiling and/or supporting the development of evidence for the guided internal organizational audit of existing policies, health and safety standards and instructional systems;
- Assist OSAs in developing systems of record retention and collecting the required documents;
- Provide onsite support and environment scans;
- Collect evidence to meet the annual reporting requirements of a national accrediting body; and
- Assist OSAs in navigating online accreditation portals.

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