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A Newsletter for Quality Improvement Coaches

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Welcome to Gateway, a newsletter for Quality Improvement Coaches! Qualistar Colorado is proud to bring you the latest information on trainings, events and resources to keep you informed and up-to-date. Please feel free to contact Nicole Riehl at nriehl@qualistar.org or 303.339.6804 if you have any questions or comments regarding content in this newsletter.

Article Spotlight

Although teachers can often feel apprehensive about working with a coach for the first time, a professional development approach known as Instructional Coaching can create meaningful relationships and ways in which teachers can gain new insights through open-ended questioning, video recordings and various other reflective practice strategies that their coach may use to support them.



Authors Sheila Skiffington, Sue Washburn and Kimberly Elliott take an in-depth look at Instructional Coaching and reflective practice strategies in a paper titled [Instructional Coaching: Helping Preschool Teachers Reach Their Full Potential](#). Please visit [The National Association for the Education of Young Children](#) to access the full document. This article will be available online for a limited time.

National Association for the Education of Young Children. Young Children (May 2011). *Instructional Coaching: Helping Preschool Teachers Reach Their Full Potential*. Retrieved from www.naeyc.org

The Qualistar Rating™ is now only \$999 per classroom!

Qualistar Colorado is very pleased to announce that the price of the Qualistar Rating™ has been reduced from



Please contact Kalie Bozich at 303.339.6822 or kbozich@qualistar.org if you would like more information on upcoming events.

COLORADO RULES & REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

Do you know a Spanish-speaking family child care provider looking for more information on the Colorado state licensing rules and regulations?

The [City of Boulder](#) website offers a wealth of information and resources, and much of this information is now available in Spanish!

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\$1,200 to \$999 per classroom as of July 1, 2011. In an effort to make the pursuit and maintenance of a Qualistar Rating™ more affordable, we have worked hard over the past year to increase efficiencies in our processes that have allowed us to make this significant price change. The Rating will still include a three-hour observation for each classroom.

Coming this summer to www.qualistar.org will be an option to pay for the Rating online in single or recurring payments to make budgeting easier. We will accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

We are encouraging programs to maintain their commitment to providing quality early childhood education by renewing their Qualistar Rating™. Programs that have questions or would like to schedule a Qualistar Rating™ can contact Tina Fetzer at 303.339.6844 or by email at tfetzer@qualistar.org.

New CPSC Crib Standards

Beginning December 28, 2012, any crib provided by child care facilities and family child care homes must meet new and improved safety standards. The new standards take effect for manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors on June 28, 2011.

Please visit the online [U.S. CPSC Crib Information Center](#) for additional information or visit <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/5023.pdf> for a copy of the Child Care Provider Crib Guide.

Qualistar Colorado Second-Annual Quality Symposium

Qualistar Colorado's Second-Annual Quality Symposium was a great success! Held Saturday, May 7 at the Arvada Center for the Arts, our morning session presenter, Emily Adams from Zero to Three, spoke on the importance of Supporting the Continuity of Teacher-Child



Relationships for Young Children. Our afternoon session included group work facilitated by five Quality Improvement coaches from across the state (Shela Blankinship, Patty Gardner, Joni Goodwin, Lisa Sadar, and Jane Wilkinson), as well as goal-setting, individual reflection, and partner sharing. Thirty early childhood education teachers, directors, and support staff returned to their communities (from Aurora to Durango) with a renewed vigor for

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establishing meaningful teacher-child relationships and an action plan for implementation. Overall, we could not be more pleased with the results and are so grateful to all who helped make it possible!

Highlighted Resource

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children with nearly 80,000 members, a national network of more than 300 state and local Affiliates, and a growing global alliance of like-minded organizations. Their website offers information on National Accreditation, public policy, professional development, early childhood development publications, and much more. Please visit www.naeyc.org for additional information.

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