



# GATEWAY

A Newsletter for Quality Improvement Coaches

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Early Childhood  
Conference

**May 7**  
Second-Annual  
Quality Symposium

**May 11**  
Orientation to the  
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Rating Training

**May 12**  
Drilled Down  
Conference Call

**May 25**  
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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. Moving forward, Gateway will be distributed in this email format and will provide brief updates on QI activities in addition to web links for further information. Enjoy!

## Qualistar Colorado Second-Annual Quality Symposium

Registration is now open for the Second-Annual Quality Symposium, presented by Qualistar Colorado and sponsored by Kaplan Early Learning Company. Please join us as we explore the importance of **Supporting Continuity of Teacher-Child Relationships for Young Children** with presenter Emily J Adams, Senior Writing and Training Specialist for the Early Head Start National Resource Center at Zero to Three.



This workshop is not your typical classroom-style experience. With the support of quality improvement coaches, participants will work to develop a plan for their classroom or program that they can put into practice immediately and will make a real difference for their children and families.

The Quality Symposium will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Arvada Center. Please visit [www.qualistar.org/quality-symposium.html](http://www.qualistar.org/quality-symposium.html) to download the registration form and for additional information. Register by April 22, 2011 and save \$10! See coupon below for details.

\*This program was designed for teachers and directors in programs serving children birth-to-5.

## Article Spotlight

Deadline

**June 10**

Quarterly Meeting &  
Colorado Coaching  
Consortium Annual  
Update

Please contact Kalie  
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[kbozich@qualistar.org](mailto:kbozich@qualistar.org)  
if you would like more  
information on events.

## REMINDER

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programs to follow  
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agencies have been  
approved by  
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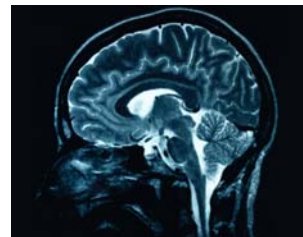
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We all know how important the early years of a child's life are for brain development, but thinking of their brain as an air traffic control system that manages a high volume of arrivals and departures on multiple runways in the matter of a few minutes is a unique illustration to show us just how truly amazing and important it is.



The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University uses this analogy to explain how lifelong brain skills develop in their working paper titled [Building the Brain's "Air Traffic Control" System: How Early Experiences Shape the Development of Executive Function: Working Paper No. 11](#). Please visit [The Center on the Developing Child](#) to access the abstract and full working document.

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University (2011). *Building the Brain's "Air Traffic Control" System: How Early Experiences Shape the Development of Executive Function: Working Paper No. 11*. Retrieved from [www.developingchild.harvard.edu](http://www.developingchild.harvard.edu)

## Qualistar Colorado Capital Fund (QCap)

The Qualistar Colorado Capital Fund (QCap) is a competitive grant opportunity available to eligible non-profit early childhood programs that wish to make facility improvements tied to providing quality indoor and outdoor physical environments for children, families and staff. The grants are made possible through generous funding from the Boettcher Foundation and the Gates Family Foundation.



**The grant round for Spring 2011 is now open, and the application deadline is Wednesday, May 25, 2011.** Technical assistance conference calls will be held on 4/20, 5/5 and 5/17 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and are open to all interested participants. Please visit [www.qualistar.org/qualistar-colorado-capital-fund.html](http://www.qualistar.org/qualistar-colorado-capital-fund.html) for the grant application and additional information.

## Coaches Survey and Quarterly Meeting

**We want to hear from you!**

Keep your eye out for the coaches survey, which will be sent out via email by Kalie Bozich in mid-April. Your input is greatly appreciated!

"There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million"

Walt Streightiff



### Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly meeting will be held on Friday, June 10 from 8:30 a.m to 12:00 p.m.. In addition to networking with your peers, Lynn Andrews, Sr. Director of Professional Development at the Clayton Early Learning Institute, will host a discussion titled "An Introduction to Skilled Dialogue: Tools for Transforming Challenging Interactions". The Colorado Coaching Consortium Annual Update will be held immediately following the quarterly meeting that afternoon. Space is limited, so register today! Please contact Phyllis Lucas at 303-339-6814 or [plucas@qualistar.org](mailto:plucas@qualistar.org) for questions or to register.

### Highlighted Resource

#### Public Policy and Advocacy: First Five Years Fund

The First Five Years Fund engages early childhood advocates through their blog, newsletter and various web resources that provide updates and information on the advancement of quality early childhood education across our nation. Please visit [www.ffyf.org](http://www.ffyf.org) to learn more and join their mailing list.

**Save  
\$10**

#### REGISTER BY APRIL 22, 2011 AND SAVE \$10!

Enter promo code QS2011 when you register online for the Second-Annual Quality Symposium and a \$10 discount will be applied to your registration. This offer is valid on online transactions only and is not redeemable on mailed or faxed registrations. To register visit

<http://www.qualistar.org/quality-symposium-registration.html> .

**Offer Expires: April 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m**