

QRS Challenge Dismissed

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On Tuesday, the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of Duval County received good news about an administrative challenge issued against them by the Florida Association for Child Care Management (FACCM).

FACCM challenged the ELC's quality rating system, known as "Guiding Stars," claiming that the ELC, as a state agency, did not have the authority to establish a Quality Rating System (QRS) system without going through state administrative procedures for rulemaking under Chapter 120.52(15), F.S. The hearing officer held that FACCM did not have standing and the ELC is not a state agency for the purpose of Chapter 120. This was a very important decision for advocates who seek quality improvement in child care and for the Children's Services Councils who heavily invest in QRS in their communities. ELC leaders and others involved are to be commended for their thorough preparation and commitment to prevailing in this challenge.