



EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF DUVAL

Helping parents choose, preparing children to learn

GUIDING STARS OF DUVAL
Presentation to VPK Directors' Network
Jan. 15, 2008



How did we get here?

- **Planning**
- **Linkages to existing systems**
- **Collaboration with early learning partners and initiatives**
- **Involvement of providers in the implementation**
- **Evaluation and measurement of child outcomes**
- **Three Pilot Phases of Quality Rating System**



Collaboration with other organizations

- Jacksonville Children's Commission – Mayor's JELP
- Episcopal Children's Services
- Duval County Public Schools
- United Way
- University of North Florida – Florida Institute of Education
- Florida Community College of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville Urban League Head Start
- Nemours Children's Clinic
- Jacksonville Public Library



THREE PILOT PHASES OF QRS

- **Pilot Year # 1 – 2004-2005 – 14 sites****
11 sites exited from QRS in May 2006
- **Pilot Year # 2 – 2005-2006 – 100 sites****
21 sites exited between Spring & Fall 2006
- **Pilot Year #3 – 2006-2007 – 96 sites****
20 sites exited in May / June 2007
20 sites exited during Oct – Dec 2007

**** These are not distinct counts of sites because many of the sites remained in QRS for 3 years and a few were dropped OR dropped out on their own, from QRS.**



EXITED SITES STAR-RATING DISTRIBUTION

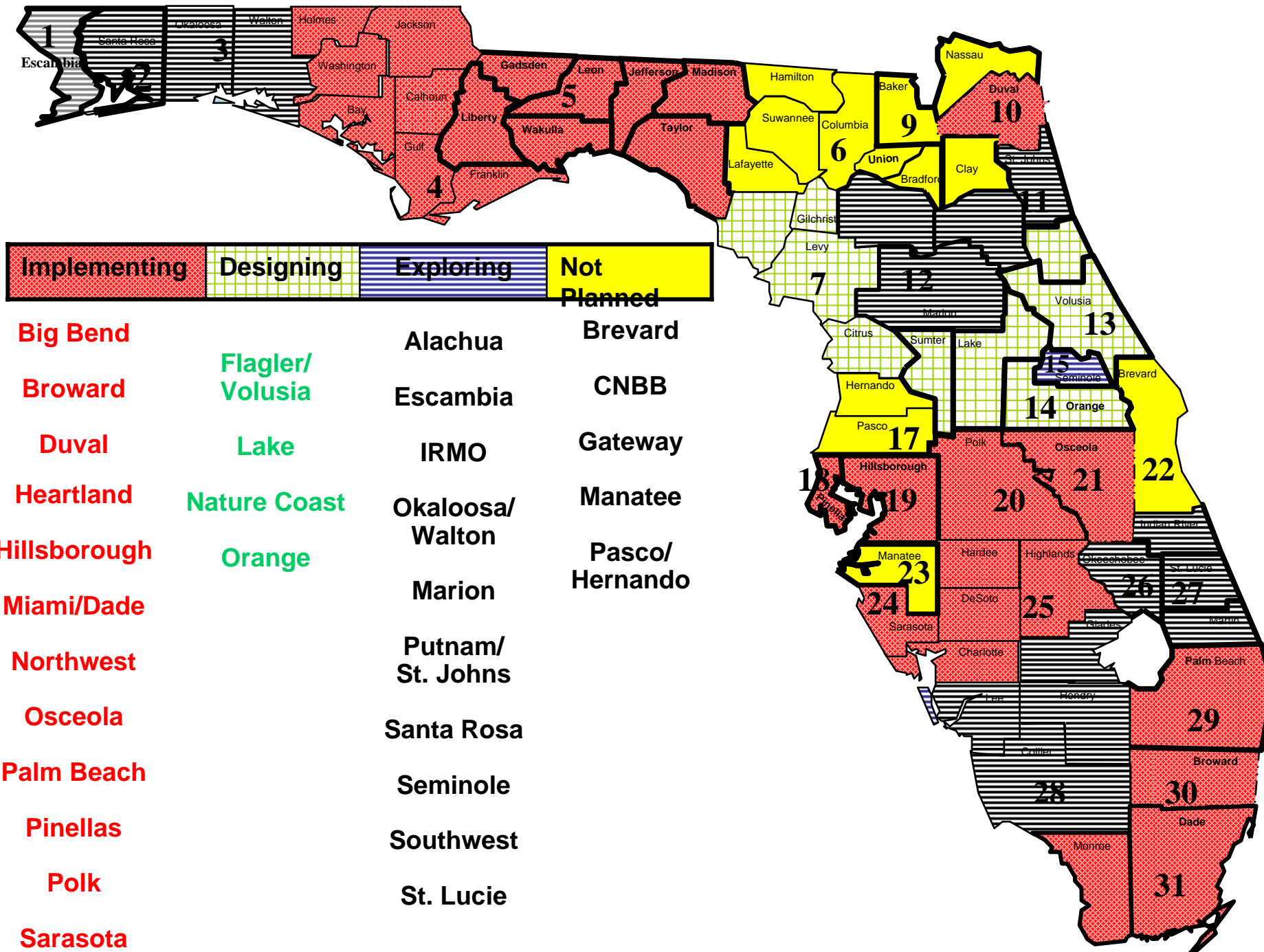
STARS	# OF CENTERS	% OF TOTAL
5 STARS	15	21%
4 STARS	20	29%
3 STARS	24	33%
2 STARS	9	12%
1 STAR	4	5%
TOTAL	72 CENTERS	100%



QRS to QRIS – QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM

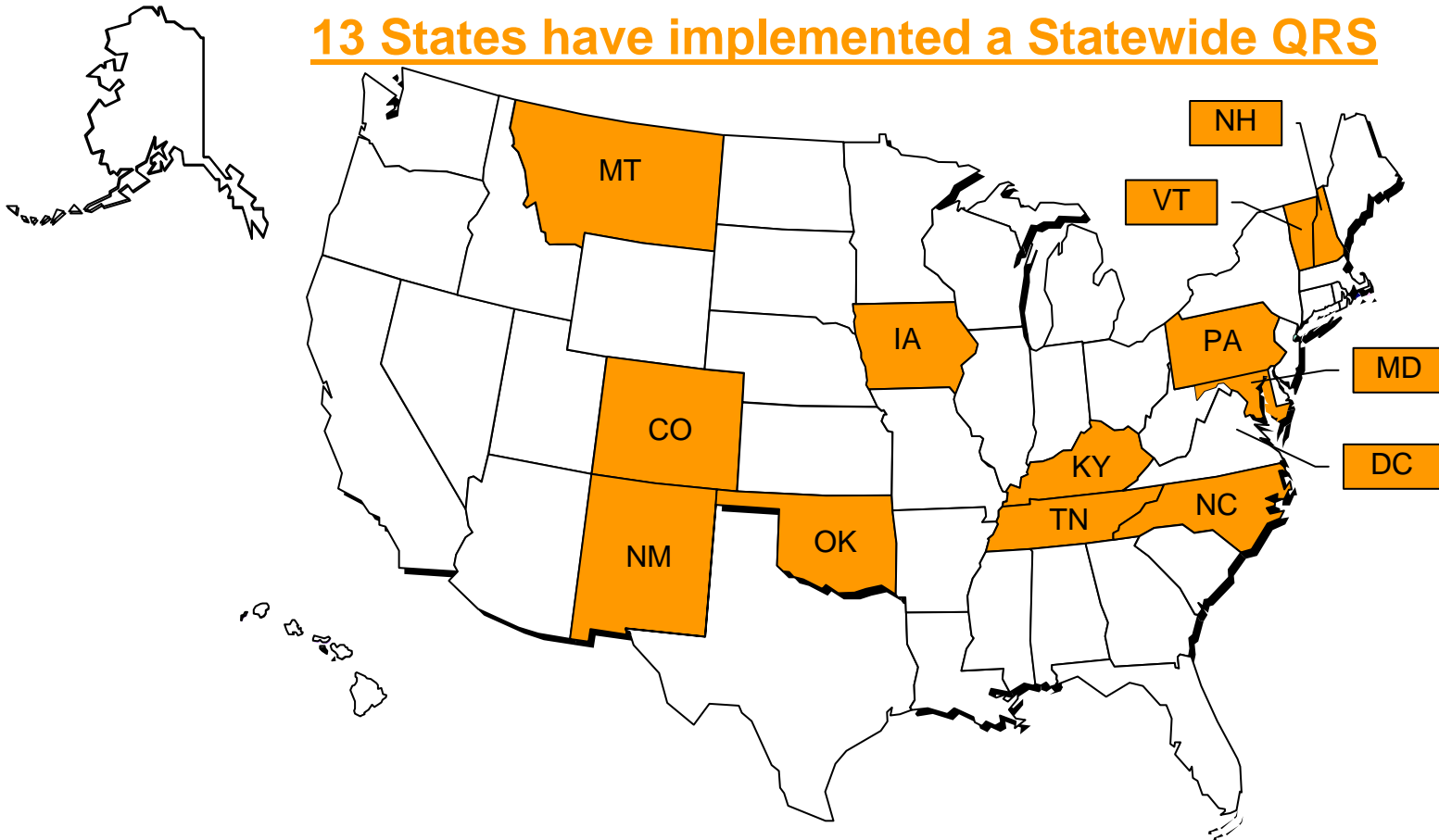
Statewide QRIS Collaborative Partnership





NATIONAL STATUS – STATEWIDE QRS

13 States have implemented a Statewide QRS



QRIS IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

Simplicity:

collect data about most important components; should be easily measurable; avoid duplication

State Leadership:

one logo; coordination of inter-rater reliability for ERS; electronic ERS system; expansion of TEACH and WAGE\$ to support star requirements

Local Variation:

inclusion of non-subsidized child care providers; inclusion of FCCHs and school age; provision of support services; public notification of star designation



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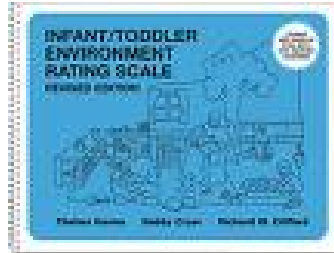
Nov. 7, 2007 Mayor's Press Conference

- **Planning and discussion began in August 2007 and culminated in the transition from QRS to QRIS in Oct. 2007**
- **Guiding Stars of Duval was unveiled on Nov. 7, 2007 during Mayor Peyton's Press Conference**
- **All exited sites' Directors were celebrated during the conference and received the Guiding Stars of Duval certificate from Mayor Peyton**



GUIDING STARS OF DUVAL – 5 DOMAINS

1. Learning Environment – ITERS AND ECERS



2. Staff Qualifications/ Professional Development

3. Curriculum

4. Program

- *Family Engagement*
- *Administration*

5. Ratios/ Group Size



CALCULATING THE STAR RATING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WEIGHTED POINTS

Component	Score	Weight	Total Points
1. Learning Environment (ECERS-R)	5	X 2	10
Learning Environment (ITERS-R)	5	X 2	10
2. Staff Qualifications	5	X 2	10
3. Ratios-Group sizes	5	X 1	5
4. Curriculum	5	X 1.5	7.5
5. Program Operations	5	X 1.5	7.5
Total			50
Extra bonus points	6		6
Total STAR RATING _____ (point range per Star level TBD)			56



STAR RATING – EXTRA POINTS

Recognition:

Program holding current Gold Seal designation earns a star rating “plus”

Example:

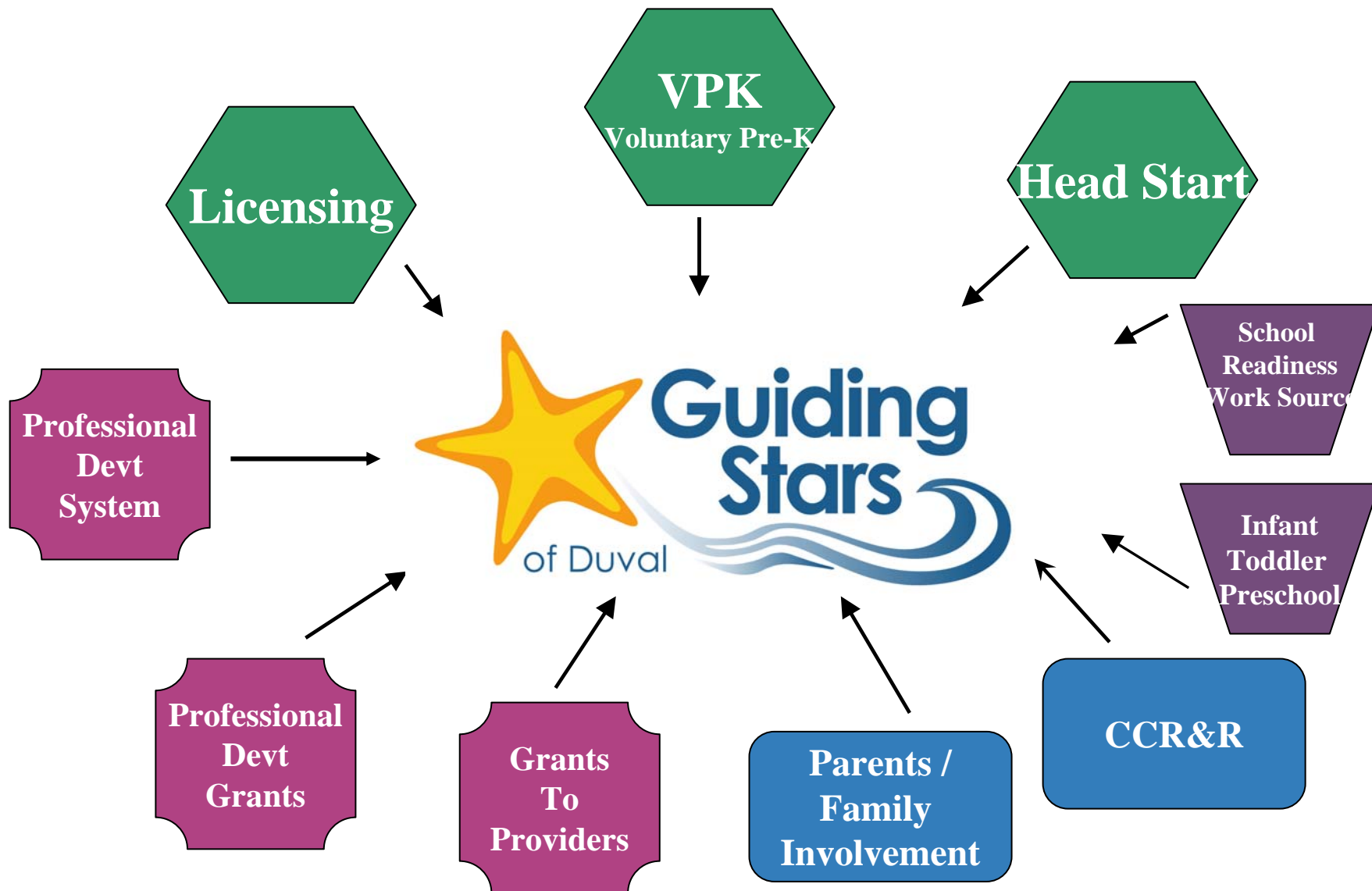
A site that earned a 2 star rating and also is accredited would be awarded: 

Possible Extra Points Overall:

Extra credit will be given for classroom teachers and/or curriculum specialists with a B.A./B.S. in Early Childhood Education or related field with 18 credits in ECE.



CONNECTING EXISTING INITIATIVES



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE WITH GUIDING STARS OF DUVAL??

We invite all of you to participate in Guiding Stars of Duval and together we can achieve the following goal:

75% of the child care centers in Jacksonville will receive stars within the next 3 years.

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING MATTERS!!!





““Investment in early childhood development yields an extraordinary return, far exceeding the return on most investments, private or public.....” Art Rolnick and Rob Grunewald

<http://www.minneapolisfed.org/pubs/fedgaz/03-03/earlychild.cfm>

Thank you.

