



**Look for the Stars
Quality Improvement System (QIS)
Provider Opt Out Statement
2010 – 2011**

A. Parties

This Quality Improvement System Opt Out Statement is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____ by _____, Name of Child Care Facility (Provider)

Address City and State

B. Purpose

The purpose of this Statement is to clearly communicate the understanding between the PROVIDER and the Early Learning Coalition (ELC) that the Provider is choosing to Opt Out of participating in the voluntary Look for the Stars Quality Improvement System (QIS).

C. General Overview

All providers who receive state funds will receive a comprehensive assessment to be used to determine that a provider is meeting mandated requirements and will also be part of the Look for the Stars Quality Improvement System (QIS), *if the provider chooses to fully participate in the QIS program.*

The assessment covers component areas that research has shown to measure the quality of the child care program. The assessment is mandated and is not optional for providers receiving state funds. Private providers receiving no state funds may request to be assessed.

While the assessment is not voluntary, full participation in the QIS is voluntary. A provider must therefore indicate if they are choosing to opt out of the benefits of the Look for the Stars Quality Improvement System (QIS)

If a provider opts out of participating in the Look for the Stars program, they will not be eligible to receive any of the support services offered by the Early Learning Coalition, as outlined in the “benefit to providers” section of the Look for the Stars Provider Handbook. Their decision to opt out will be noted. They will however still be expected to meet the minimum requirements established by the ELC in order to continue to receive school readiness scholarship children and are still required to sign the Early Learning Coalition’s Provider Agreement Contract. VPK providers must meet state legislative requirements for the VPK program. The ELC must ensure that all legislative mandates and requirements for quality care for school readiness children are being met.

The PROVIDER hereby signs this statement indicating that they are opting out of the Look for the Stars Quality Improvement System and understand that they are not eligible for any of the optional benefits and provider supports offered by the ELC.

Name of Facility

Program License Number

Signature of Director/Operator/Principal or Authorized Representative

Date

Print Name

Title