

FY12 QRIS Program Quality Improvement Grants for Early Childhood and Out-Of -School -Time Programs

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley (UWMBMV) and the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) have partnered to support and strengthen the capacity of early education and OST program leaders to identify, prioritize, and implement improvements that move them forward in the state's Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS). This grant application's purpose is to provide QRIS Program Quality Improvement Grants to all eligible programs/educators in the mixed delivery system during spring 2012 to make quality program improvements, in pursuit of upward progress on the levels defined in the QRIS system.

The goal is to support programs/educators to engage in a process of continuous quality improvement to enhance outcomes for all children in Massachusetts, especially those populations most at risk. UWMBMV will award up to \$800,000 in QRIS Program Quality Improvement grants to eligible programs through a competitive process. Programs must be at a self-assessed QRIS level 2 or 3 to be eligible to apply. The grant application information is available at:

<http://cybergrants.com/qrigrants2012>.

Please contact QRIS@supportunitedway.org with any inquiries about this grant opportunity.