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As of December 5, 2012 there are 216 centers/community-based organizations and 174 family homes participating in QUALITYstarsNY. These programs are completing a self-study using the QUALITYstarsNY program standards. Participants are able to indicate the standards they meet and submit documentation. Participants are also able to complete self-assessments using the Environment Rating Scales and complete Quality Improvement Plans based on the results.

40 public school-operated Universal Prekindergarten programs have recently been selected to participate in QUALITYstarsNY. These programs will engage in the standards self-study and observations on an alternate timeline.

The Quality Improvement Work Group is engaged in a cultural competence initiative supported by BUILD. A strategic plan was developed that outlines goals and tasks to further incorporate issues of cultural competence in QUALITYstarsNY. The strategic plan was adopted by the Quality Improvement Work Group at the October meeting. Support will be provided by Taniesha Woods to advance some of the tasks outlined in the strategic plan, such as further developing the standards Resource Guide to reflect cultural competence. The cultural competence sub-group will spearhead this work.