



Quality Rated Advisory Committee Informational Webinar

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Welcome!

Webinar Topics include:

- About Quality Rated
- Advisory Committee goals and responsibilities
- Application process
- Guest Speakers
- Key dates



About Quality Rated



QRIS

Georgia's system to determine, improve and communicate the quality of child care programs

Rigorous Evaluation

Programs undergo a thorough assessment process to verify the quality of care and education they offer

Continuous Improvement Support

Resources, professional development, and incentives to support ongoing program improvement.

Purpose & Goals of the Advisory Committee

- Strategic Guidance
- Inclusive Decision-Making
- Fostering Collaboration
- Promote Quality Early Learning





Member Roles & Responsibilities

- Active Participation
 - 6 in-person meetings over 18-month term
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Commitment and Collaboration

Application Process

Application Submission

Complete a short online application

Selection Criteria

Review team evaluates one application per site:

- diversity of setting type and location
- expertise
- commitment to serve
- desire to make a difference

All identifying information is hidden from reviewers

Deadline

Deadline to apply is December 1st



Timeline

**Application Review, Selection,
and Notification**
Late December 2025

**1st Official Advisory
Committee Meeting**
Late March 2026

Application Period
November 7th - December 1st

**Virtual Orientation
Meeting**
Mid January 2026

A Conversation with Previous Committee Members Katie Tracy and Brett Copeland

Director: Katie Tracy

Program: Greenbrier Preschool a division of the Bradley Schools

Location: Augusta, GA

Director for Childcare Centers: Brett Copeland

Program: Central Georgia Technical College Child Development Center

Location: Warner Robins, GA



Thank You for being here today!

Next Steps

- Submit your Quality Rated Advisory Committee application by December 1st
- Check your email for correspondence from QR after the application review period

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Contact Information



Application Link/QR Code

https://decalsmapply.us/prog/quality_rated_advisory_committee_application

Resource Availability

The Quality Rated website offers comprehensive resources and updates related to Quality Rated.

<https://qualityrated.dec.ga.gov/>

Support Throughout Process

If you need assistance, please contact our help desk at 1.855.800.7747 or email Qualityrated@dec.ga.gov.