

NH's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS)

Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ)

New Hampshire's voluntary quality recognition system for licensed child care providers, known as **Granite Steps for Quality** focuses on improving the overall quality of Early Care and Education and Out-of-School Time (OST) programs in the state. Programs participating in GSQ will promote a culture of continuous quality improvement thereby improving outcomes for children and families to thrive and succeed in school and beyond.

In recognition of programs entering the GSQ system, programs will be receiving lanyards with their GSQ Quality Step Certificates in the mail. Please see the below image for what to expect. We will be sending the number of lanyards based on the reported number of staff credentialed within a GSQ Application.

Programs will also receive a note with the following message:



*On behalf of the Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration, **congratulations** on being awarded your Professional Development credentials! Please use this lanyard as a way to inform families of the hard work and dedication you give to the Early Childhood and Afterschool fields. We have included some talking points on the reverse side of this card celebrating your accomplishment as a credentialed professional in the State of New Hampshire.*

*Thank you,
Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration*

My CREDENTIAL is...

- ❖ *Recognition of my education, experience, professional development, and professional activities.*
- ❖ *Acknowledgement of my commitment to myself, my employer, and the families I serve.*
- ❖ ***An Accomplishment!***
Showing that I am dedicated to expertise in the Early Childhood and After School professions.