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Branagh Group is proud to be one of the Five-Star Sponsors of the **2018 QRIS National Meeting** from **July 16-18 in San Diego, California at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina**. Branagh Group is looking forward to this opportunity to learn and share in discussion regarding quality improvement and access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

- **Breakfast Sponsor**

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00-8:00 am in the Pavilion

Come meet the Branagh Group team and pick up a notebook!

- **Rethinking Quality: Revising and Implementing ECERS-3 and ITERS-3, State Perspectives**

Tuesday, July 17, 8:00-10:00am in the Nautilus Room

Presenters: Richard Clifford, FPG Child Development Institute, UNC-Chapel Hill; Debby Cryer, Environment Rating Scales Institute; Jennifer Metcalf, Illinois State Board of Education; DeEtta Simmons and Asha Warsame, University of Washington

This session will begin with an initial discussion of what participants think is necessary for high-quality early childhood programs, followed by an explanation of how the past and current editions of ECERS and ITERS are based on these ideas. The second focus of the session will be on implementation. After short presentations from a panel of state personnel involved in such implementation, we will solicit input from the participants on issues they see in their own states and questions they have for both the authors and state personnel. We will discuss how use of the instruments affects different types of programs, including programs serving diverse populations of children and families, and issues related to the transition to the new editions of the scales. We will allot approximately equal time to presentations and open interaction with participants. During each of the two main presentation times, we will ask participants to be prepared to share their experiences and questions so that we can move smoothly into the discussion and interaction portions of the session. A very brief summary of the session will conclude the event.

- **Putting CQI into Practice Using the Environment Rating Scales**

Tuesday, July 17, 10:30am-12:00pm in Marina 6

Presenters: Ann Hentschel, Cody Carlton, Mark Branagh, and Tricia Sifford, Branagh Group

Join us in a lively discussion to consider unique approaches to implementing CQI practices based on the comprehensive framework embodied within the Environment Rating Scales, including:

- Tools for measuring readiness-for-change at the program level.
- Online training for onboarding new assessors and technical assistance coaches.
- A new alternative to self-assessment: CQI training to onboard new teachers and program leaders.
- Tools to maximize assessor accuracy and consistency for achieving and maintaining inter-rater reliability in high-stakes assessments.



- **The Role of the Assessor in QRIS**

Tuesday, July 17, 12:00-1:30pm in Seabreeze Room

Presenters: Ann Hentschel, Branagh Group; Donna Wade, THREAD Alaska

If you are responsible for conducting high-stake assessments or overseeing a team of assessors, this session is for you! Let's gather and discuss the importance of this unique role and what it takes to do it well. The quality of our efforts can impact the integrity of QRIS. What lessons can we learn from one another on our path to assure a high level of accuracy and consistency in the assessment process?

- **Making Meaning of High-Quality Early Learning with the Environment Rating Scales**

Wednesday, July 18, 8:30-10:00am in Nautilus 3

Presenters: Ann Hentschel, Branagh Group; Jenny Metcalf, Illinois Board of Education; Jill Kortright, PA Key; Nicole Johnson and Jennifer Sanders, Green Bay Early Childhood Center School District 187

Imagine QRIS as an avenue to foster opportunities for inquiry and investigation about best practices in early learning. Imagine those working with children feeling safe, comfortable, and eager to share insights, struggles, and goals about learning environments. As teachers and program leaders learn and grow, they become genuine agents of change. Together we will analyze and reflect on strategies to empower early childhood educators to understand what constitutes high-quality early learning.

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