



The Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)

DECE's vision for high-quality early childhood programs

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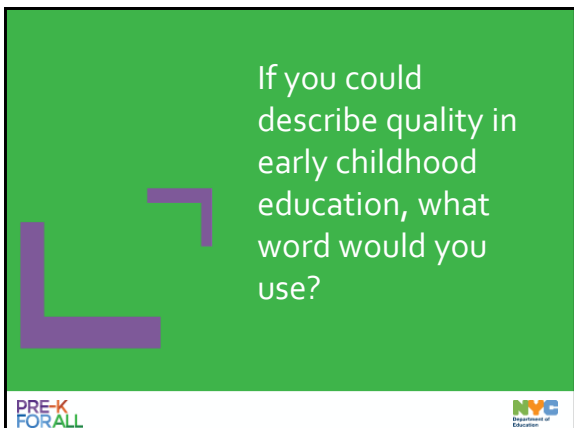
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If you could describe quality in early childhood education, what word would you use?

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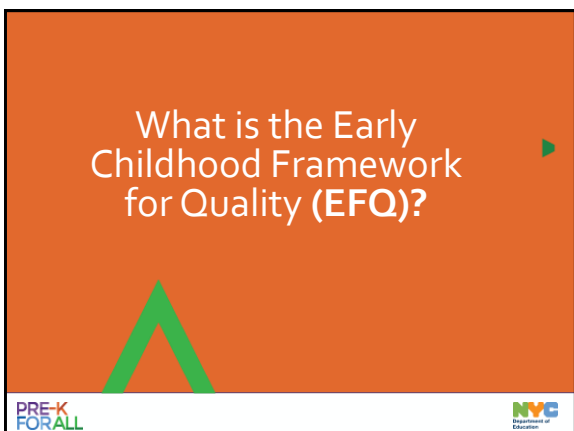
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What is the Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)?

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**The Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)** describes the DECE's vision for high-quality early childhood education programs in NYC. This framework replaced the *Program Quality Standards (PQS)* in the Fall of 2019.


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**The EFQ is grounded on the following:**

- The Framework for Great Schools (FFGS)
- The NYCDOE's commitment to Equity and Excellence for All;
- The Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS); and
- The expertise and experience of the DECE's central office, site support staff, programs, and community partners.





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**Why a new Framework?**

As the DECE evolves, we need new tools to support our quality improvement work across multiple age groups and settings.

The EFQ builds on the theoretical foundation of the **Program Quality Standards (PQS)**, which served as the Division's vision for quality between 2014-2019. The implementation of the EFQ will start in the fall of 2019 as we move to a unified birth-to-five system and support the DECE's mission to build the best early care and education system in the country.


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# How is the Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ) organized?




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## Elements and Practices

The EFQ is comprised of 6 research-based **Elements** of quality, aligned with the NYCDOE's Framework for Great Schools. Each Element identifies 5 to 6 **Practices** for both leadership teams and teaching teams that are representative of high quality, and are applicable to all center-based early childhood age groups and settings.




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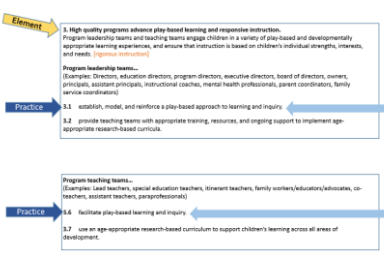

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### EFQ: Elements and Practices

- EFQ: 6 Elements and 68 Practices.
- Most Practices listed under **program leadership teams** have parallel Practices under **program teaching teams**.


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## Framework for Great Schools




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The Division of Early Childhood Education (DECE) believes that high quality 0-5 programs...

1. respect and value differences. {trust}
2. create safe and positive environments. {supportive environment}
3. advance play-based learning and responsive instruction {rigorous instruction}
4. promote families' roles as primary caregivers, teachers, and advocates. {strong family-community ties}
5. work collaboratively towards continuous quality improvement. {collaborative teachers}
6. demonstrate strategic leadership. {effective school leadership}




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## What are similarities and differences between the Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ) and the Program Quality Standards (PQS)?

(Think about structure & content!)




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## Shifts from PQS

### Structural:

- More direct alignment with the FFGS
- Emphasis on leadership teams

### Content:

- Emphasis on equity and access
- Shift to 2-generational approach
- Emphasis on data cycle (classroom and program level)
- Amplified focus on operational quality



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## Practices & Examples of Practice: Supplementary Resource



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## Examples of Practice

- Each Practice will have a set of Examples of Practice meant as a supplementary resource.
- The Examples of Practice are not an exhaustive lists of look fors. They illustrate what the Practices could look like; ways to help you understand what the Practices mean.
- The Examples of Practice are still in development and in the year 2019-2020 our site support staff may share with us as we set goals together.



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Standards and other Frameworks for Early Childhood Education Quality



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Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)

3-K for All and Pre-K for All Policy Handbooks



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Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)

Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS)



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**Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)**

**New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core**

**New York State Prekindergarten Learning Standards**







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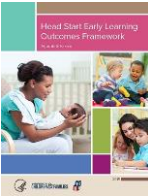


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**Early Childhood Framework for Quality (EFQ)**

**Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF)**


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**Review:**

During this time together we learned:

- What the EFQ is
- How the EFQ is organized
- About the EFQ's supplementary resource: the Examples of Practice
- Standards and other Frameworks for ECE quality


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# Thank you!

Please reach out with any questions:  
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