

**Purpose of the Crosswalk Workgroup** (as defined by the workgroup):

The purpose of the Crosswalk Work Group is to compare Montana Child Care licensing, EHS/HS program performance standards and the STARS to Quality matrix and create a crosswalk document to inform Montana QRIS policy and procedures, decrease duplicative regulations, increase and support participation in STARS to Quality and develop a reciprocity or pathway system.

**Condensed history prior to 11/4/16:**

**July 2014:** A crosswalk work group consisting of membership from Early Head Start, Head Start, Montana Early Childhood Project, STARS to Quality Leadership, Early Childhood Services Bureau Leadership, Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Administration, Child Care Licensing Program Leadership, and the Montana Head Start Collaboration Office convened to align standards.

**July 2014 – December 2016:** A series of meetings occurred that ultimately led to a decision to focus on the alignment of Head Start Program Performance Standards and STARS to Quality Standards in anticipation of the revised Head Start Program Performance Standards due to be released in the fall of 2017.

