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Ontario's Ministry of Education wins Prix REALM Award for Tiered Licensing

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The National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) would like to formally congratulate Ontario's Ministry of Education who recently won a Prix REALM Award in the Innovation category for their tiered licensing approach to child care licensing. The Ministry's creative utilization of key indicators and risk assessment for their differential monitoring approach really helped set them apart.

Developed to yield an effective and efficient licensing process that improves quality and regulatory compliance in all child care centers, the ministry's tiered licensing approach allows more resources to be applied to child care centers most in need of additional support to comply with standards. The approach also provides more concentration in the areas of highest risk to children's health, safety, and wellbeing. Holly Moran, the Director of the Child Care Quality Assurance & Licensing Branch of the Ministry is eager to proceed with the approach stating, "We're thrilled with the award, and even more excited about moving ahead with this research-driven, evidence-based approach, which is truly one of the most transformational changes in child care licensing in decades."

Ontario will be the first province in Canada to adopt a comprehensive risk-based approach for child care licensing, and they are now on the map as a North American leader in innovative regulatory practices. NARA member, Dr. Richard Fiene, a strong leader in the field of regulatory administration for over four decades and a consultant on the project, referred to Ontario's tiered licensing approach as a "blueprint that other jurisdictions should follow."

About Ontario's Prix REALM Awards

Ontario's Prix REALM Awards program formally recognizes Learning Ministries' staff for their exceptional and outstanding contributions to services provided and/or in making the Learning Ministries better places to work. Outstanding achievements are recognized in five award categories: Collaboration, Customer Service, Diversity and Inclusion, Innovation, Leadership and Lifetime Achievement.

About the Ministry

Ontario's Ministry of Education administers the system of publicly funded elementary and secondary school education in Ontario. To learn more, visit their website at: www.edu.gov.on.ca.

For information about NARA, please visit www.naralicensing.org or contact the association at (859) 687-0262

About NARA: The National Association of Regulatory Administration is a non-profit association dedicated to providing the highest quality of comprehensive, evidence-based professional development services within the areas of adult care, child care and child welfare.

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