The National Association for Regulatory Administration is an international professional membership association founded in 1976 dedicated to the protection of the health, safety and well-being of children and adults in day or residential human care facilities through strong licensing and other forms of regulation.

Consumer Protection Through Prevention

NARA members work together to bring the highest quality of comprehensive, evidence-based professional development services within reach of every human care regulatory agency and every individual who is, or who aspires to become, a professional human care regulator.

The number of children and vulnerable adults in out-of-home care is at an all-time high and growing. NARA provides leadership and forums for broad public consideration of their protection in an era of downsizing, regulatory reform, privatization and other challenges to find effective and affordable means of consumer protection and support for an expanding human care and service industry. Among our partners are providers, consumers and their families, regulators, advocates, concerned citizens, business and religious communities, policymakers, universities, researchers and allied professionals from the academic, technical and treatment disciplines.

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Targeted Measurement Tools

Targeted measurement tools have an impact on how state agencies license and monitor their facilities. The four basic types of targeted measurement tools include:

1. **Key Indicator Systems** identify a subset of regulations from an existing set of regulations that statistically predict compliance with the entire set of regulation.

2. **Risk Assessment** assigns weighted scores to regulations based on the level of risk to persons in care in the event of regulatory compliance.

3. **Differential Monitoring** determines the number and scope of inspections at a given licensed setting based on the setting’s licensing history.

4. **Quality Indicator Systems** identify a subset of an existing set of regulations and other non-regulatory factors to predict the overall quality of care provided by a licensed setting.