



Delaware Stars Resources' Listing for Partner Websites

Delaware Stars for Early Success is a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early care and education programs, used to assess, improve and communicate the level of quality. Delaware Stars establishes quality standards for programs and provides technical assistance and financial support to enrolled programs as they engage in quality improvement efforts. For more information of Delaware Stars, including eligibility, application, and enrollment information, please visit the Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood. www.dieec@udel.edu

Resources for Administrators

Stars **Participation, Technical Assistance and Assessment** at Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood (DIEEC)

- Programs can enroll in Stars, learn more about participation and review the quality standards and calculate estimated tiered reimbursement. Current programs can access the Stars database and may have an assigned technical assistant from DIEEC. For more details, go to <http://www.delawarestars.udel.edu/>

Stars **Technical Assistance** at Children & Families First

- Programs enrolled in Stars may have an assigned technical assistant employed by Children & Families First. For more information, go to www.cffde.org

Stars **Technical Assistance** at Easter Seals www.eastersealsde.org

- Stars enrolled programs may have an assigned technical assistant employed by Easter Seals of Delaware <http://www.easterseals.com/de/>

Stars **Specialty Technical Assistance** for Infant/Toddler, Environmental Rating Scales, Health & Nutrition at DIEEC

- DIEEC provides specialized technical assistance to address quality improvements in infant/toddler care, health & nutrition and the Environmental Rating Scales (ERS). For more information, go to www.dieec@udel.edu

Stars **Tiered Reimbursement** eligibility information at DIEEC

- Tiered reimbursement funds the difference between the amount your program receives from Division of Social Services and the 2011 market rate for your

county and the child's age when a program is at Star levels 3, 4, & 5. Programs can learn more about eligibility for tiered reimbursement at <http://www.delawarestars.udel.edu/providers/tiered-reimbursement/>

Stars **Tiered Reimbursement** payment questions go to DE Department of Education

- For questions regarding a program's tiered reimbursement payment amount or timing, go to DE Department of Education, Early Development and Learning Resources at http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/Students_family/earlychildhood/default.shtml

Stars **Infrastructure Fund** at Children & Families First

- The Infrastructure Fund provides funding for capital and technological improvements to early learning programs serving infants, toddlers and/or preschoolers participating in Delaware Stars. For more details and eligibility, go to <http://www.cffde.org/services/earlychildhood/EarlyChildhoodFunding.aspx>

Stars **Ages & Stages Questionnaire** at Easter Seals

- The **ASQ** is a series of 19 parent-completed questionnaires designed to screen the developmental performance of children in the areas of communication, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, problem solving, personal-social skills, and overall development across time. The age-appropriate scale is completed by the parent or caregiver. ASQ training and technical assistance is available. For more information, go to <http://www.easterseals.com/de/> or contact Tina Ullman, Coordinator at tullman@esdel.org.

Stars **Child Assessment** using Teaching Strategies GOLD

- *Teaching Strategies GOLD* is an authentic, ongoing observational system for assessing children from birth through kindergarten, proven to be valid and reliable by extensive field testing. It helps teachers observe children in the context of everyday experiences, which is an effective way to get to know them well and find out what they know and can do. Programs can obtain assistance with training and technical assistance in implementing child assessment using TSI GOLD. For more information, contact [Deana Lukowski](mailto:Deana.Lukowski@yahoo.com) at dlukowski95@yahoo.com or go to http://www2.teachingstrategies.com/page/CC_StateDE.cfm

Stars **Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation** at Delaware Children's Department, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health

- Consultation is available for programs working with children with challenging behavior. Contact [Mary Moor for information at 302-781-3212](mailto:Mary.Moor@delaware.gov)

Program **Licensing** at Office of Child Care Licensing

- For information about licensing requirements or applying for licensure, go to <http://kids.delaware.gov/occl/occl/shtml>

STAFF & PROGRAM RESOURCES

Quality Assured **Professional Development** at DIEEC

- Program staff can access quality assured training and maintain and print a transcript of training attended at www.dieec@udel.edu

Specialized **Credentials** at DIEEC professional development

- Program staff can register for specialized credentials for Preschool, Infant-Toddler, Inclusion, School-Age, Family Child Care and Administration at <http://www.dieec.udel.edu/early-childhood-credentials>

Delaware First individual **Qualifications** determination to meet licensing at Dept. of Education

- For more information about qualifications requirements or to apply online, go to www.doe.k12.de.us/dpecweb

CORE **Compensation and Retention Awards** at Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC)

- Program staff may be eligible for a compensation bonus based on educational attainment or length of service. Programs may be eligible for recruitment awards in hiring highly qualified staff. For details, go to www.daeyc.org

Career Advisement at Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC)

- Persons employed in early childhood or interested in careers in early childhood may receive information and technical assistance in determining their career options and educational pathway at www.daeyc.org

ELLI Leadership and Administration Training and Credential through McCormick Center

- Individual staff employed as leaders or interested in leadership may apply to participate in a Delaware-based cohort to pursue an administration credential through training offered by the McCormick Center for Early Learning Leadership <http://mccormickcenter.nl.edu/elli/>

Education **Scholarships from T.E.A.C.H. Delaware Early Childhood** at Delaware Association for the Education of Young Children (DAEYC)

- Individual staff employed in early childhood programs may apply for scholarship to pursue associate degrees, bachelor degrees or obtain an administration credential or CDA credential. Go to http://www.daeyc.org/?page_id=321