

Start with Stars

A Project of QUALITYstarsNY

What is *Start with Stars*?

Start with Stars is an initiative designed to support programs that are just starting out as well as those with challenges related to meeting licensing requirements to *rapidly* address foundational issues and get on the path to providing high quality early childhood education opportunities. Over the course of their participation, programs will receive frequent contact from a designated Quality Improvement Specialist (QI Specialist) who will work closely with program leadership to define improvement goals. In collaboration with their QI Specialist, the program leader will identify tailored strategies and resources needed to meet their goals. Upon demonstrating measurable and significant progress, programs will be invited to participate in QUALITYstarsNY to continue their ongoing quality improvement efforts.

How can *Start with Stars* help my program?

Participants in *Start with Stars* benefit from a variety of resources, at no charge, to support them through the quality improvement process.

Resources include:

- ★ A designated QI Specialist, an expert in the early childhood field, to provide regular support, coaching and collaborative goal-setting, both in person and remotely;
- ★ Quality improvement funds for materials, supplies, and equipment to improve the quality of the learning environment;
- ★ *Start with Stars* funds to support the professional development of staff;
- ★ Reports and data to inform current and future improvement strategies;
- ★ Technical assistance to understand and resolve regulatory issues;
- ★ Links to appropriate resources for materials and professional development
- ★ **...And much more!**

How can I get started?

- ★ Learn more about QUALITYstarsNY by checking out our website at www.qualitystarsny.org.
- ★ Join The Aspire Registry for New York's Early Childhood Workforce. Each site will be supported to set up an Organization Account and help employees create individual profiles. To access more information, including helpful webinars about how to get started, visit www.nyworksforchildren.org.
- ★ Identify agent(s) of change within the organization who will be responsible for working with the QI Specialist to carry out quality improvement efforts.

If you have questions, please contact us at

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