

## 2009/2010 Keystone STARS Grants and Awards

As always, Keystone STARS funds are to be used for quality improvement beyond your basic operations to meet DPW Certification Regulations.



Please note the following information for 09/10:

- ★ Facility size and grant eligibility is based on enrolled *child care* children, using one week in March or September of the previous year, whichever is most recent. Children funded through PA Pre-K Counts or Head Start may not be included in these calculations.
- ★ You must attest that you are not delinquent in state or federal tax obligations.
- ★ Funds may be used only for *child care* related expenses. If you receive funding from other sources, such as Head Start or PA Pre-K Counts, and wish to use award funds for facility-wide purchases, the expenditures must be cost allocated.
- ★ Funds may not be used for:
  - Payment of mortgages, utilities, or for rental/lease payments for basic facility operations;
  - Purchase of alcohol;
  - Purchase of vehicles;
  - Payment toward staff entertainment, including amusement, diversion, and social activities or any costs directly associated with such costs (including, but not limited to tickets to shows or sports events, meals, lodging, rentals, transportation, and gratuities) that are not professional development related events;
  - Costs of membership in civic, community and social organizations (Kiwanis, Lions Club, Rotary, etc.)
- ★ It is strongly recommended that you analyze your technology and use funds to develop or enhance computer or internet access. All Keystone STARS providers should have an active, valid email address by July 1, 2010.

*You will find additional guidelines and information on the  
STARS Financial Award Request forms.  
Please contact your STARS Specialists with any questions.*