

## 2009-10 Keystone STARS Performance Standards for Centers



On an annual basis, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) reviews the Keystone STARS Performance Standards for Centers, Group Homes, and Family Day Care Homes. This is in an effort to recognize the progress made by the field, to align the standards with new or revised program initiatives, and to encourage more movement towards continuous quality improvement.

The 2009-10 STARS Performance Standards for Centers have been updated using feedback from the STARS Advisory Committee, the Early Childhood and School Age Community, and the Regional Keys. The revisions to the 2009-10 STARS Performance Standards for Centers are summarized below and will be in effect, beginning July 1, 2009. Please contact your STARS Specialist at the South Central Regional Key for specific details regarding these changes.

1. Under the STAR 3 Director Qualifications section in the Career Lattice standard, the footnote has been updated to include the underlined:

To assist a facility in meeting STAR 3, this Director's Career Lattice Standard may be extended to 7/1/2010, if the director develops a Detailed Staff Qualifications Action Plan (SQAP). The SQAP will be reviewed annually at designation and it must plan for completion by 7/1/2010. In addition, the director must take a minimum of 6 credits per year. Please refer to your Regional Key for further information

2. Under the STAR 3 Director Development section in the PA Director's Credential standard, the following footnote has been further clarified to include the underlined:

To assist facility with director turnover, this standard may be extended for 2½ years from the directorship start date, if director enrolls in PA Director's Credential and develops a Detailed SQAP for completion within 2½ years. This is for maintaining a current STAR level only. Please refer to your Regional Key for further information

3. On the Career Lattice under the Related Fields, "Pediatric Nursing" was replaced with "Nursing."
4. Under the overall STAR 4 column, National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) has been *removed* as an accepted accreditation for STAR 4.

Child Care facilities participating in Keystone STARS are encouraged to contact their STARS Specialists to discuss these updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maureen J. Murphy".

Maureen J. Murphy, Director  
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