

## 2009-10 Keystone STARS Performance Standards for Group Homes



Dear Group Home Owner/Director:

On an ongoing 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 Group Homes have been updated using feedback from Group Home providers, the STARS Advisory Committee and the Regional Keys. In the 2007-08 fiscal year, the Regional Keys conducted focus groups with Group Home providers to gain feedback regarding the updates, as well as to understand the successes, challenges, and barriers to the implementation of the STARS Performance Standards. The results of these focus groups, along with other feedback from the STARS community, influenced decision-making for the 2009-2010 revisions.

The revisions to the 2009-10 STARS Performance Standards for Group Homes will be in effect beginning July 1, 2009. You can download the standards at <http://ChildCareConsultants.org/SouthCentralRegionalKey.htm>, or call South Central Regional Key Program Specialist Stephanie Mundorf at 717-854-3539, x225 or 1-800-864-4925, x225 to request that a hard copy be sent to you. For a detailed discussion regarding the changes to the Performance Standards, you are encouraged to contact your STARS Specialist at the South Central Regional Key.

Sincerely,

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

Maureen J. Murphy, Director  
South Central Regional Key