



# Reach for the STARS!

## Where children spend their day can affect their learning for life!

Choosing a child care program is a big decision. Finding a quality program that is the right fit for your child will help prepare him/her for success in school and in life.

Keystone STARS helps families find quality child care/ early learning and afterschool programs for their children.

Administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Keystone STARS is a voluntary program that awards a STAR 1 to STAR 4 to child care, Head Start, and select PA Pre-K Counts programs.

When you choose a Keystone STARS program, you know it meets quality standards for

- Teacher qualifications;
- Classroom and learning activities;
- Working with families; and
- Program management.

**Count the STARS.** The higher the STAR level, the higher the quality.

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## What to expect at a STAR 1 program



- Programs will have the PA Early Learning Standards that provide milestones for children's development on hand.
- Families receive a Parent Handbook and information on social and family services in the community.
- Teachers hold a meeting with families when a child enrolls.
- When a child is ready to move to a new classroom or school, families receive information on making it a smooth transition.
- Staff develop an annual plan to continue their education.