

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF KEYSTONE STARS QUALITY STANDARDS

The following list of resources is not meant to be inclusive, as providers may find other resources to be supportive of their work with Keystone STARS.

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SQ. 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD Registry: An Overview of Keystone STARS: Pennsylvania’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (requires log in) • The Pennsylvania Key: Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators (PA PSCECE) • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Learning Standards for Early Childhood
SQ. 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD Registry: Professional Development Plan, Staff Report (requires log in)
SQ. 2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD Registry: Professional Development Plan, Staff Report (requires log in)
EC. 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Quality Improvement Plan Instructions and Template #1 • Continuous Quality Improvement Plan Template #2
	<p>Resources for Approved Program Observation Instruments for Internal Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pennsylvania Key: Program Observation <p>Additional Resources to Inform CQI Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Quality: After-School Quality: The Process of Program Improvement • The Pennsylvania Key: After-School Quality: The Process of Program Improvement Information Sheet • Strengthening Families: Strengthening Families™ Self-Assessment Tool for Center-Based Early Care and Education Programs • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Child Care Facility COVID 19 Health and Safety Plan Template
EC. 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Early Learning Standards – Infants and Toddlers • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Early Learning Standards – Pre-Kindergarten

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Pennsylvania State Academic Standards-Kindergarten • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Pennsylvania State Academic Standards – First Grade • Pennsylvania Departments of Education and Human Services: Pennsylvania State Academic Standards – Second Grade • Linking Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards to Lesson Planning https://www.pakeys.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Linking-Standards-Updated-5-13-22.pdf • SEDL: Afterschool Training Toolkit • The Pennsylvania Key: School Age Lesson Plan Template • Click 2 Science Online STEM Professional Development
EC. 2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ages & Stages Questionnaires®, Third Edition (ASQ-3™) pinpoints developmental progress in children between the ages of one month to 5 ½ years. • Brigance: BRIGANCE® Early Childhood - Assess Kindergarten Readiness • Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns • Pearson: Developmental Assessment of Young Children, Second Edition • Pearson: Early Screening Profiles • PEDS Test: Parents' Evaluation of Developmental Status - Developmental Milestones (PEDS:DM) • Tufts Children's Hospital: The Survey of Well-being of Young Children • US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, A Compendium of Screeners: BIRTH TO 5: WATCH ME THRIVE!
EC. 2.4 & EC. 2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Announcement DS-03 Inclusion of All Children in Early Childhood Education Programs in Pennsylvania • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Reduction of Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Programs in Pennsylvania

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Developing Suspension and Expulsion Policies • The Pennsylvania Key: Inclusion and Reducing Expulsion and Suspension • U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services and Education: Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Getting Started: Implementing the OCDEL Inclusion Announcement • National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC): Early Childhood Inclusion • Inclusion Collaborative: Writing A Quality Inclusion Statement • Pennsylvania Early Intervention Technical Assistance: Inclusion Information • PA's Promise for Children: Benefits of Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs • Head Start: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preventing Suspension and Expulsion ○ Preschool Inclusion Webinars • SRI Education: Preventing Suspensions and Expulsions in Early Childhood Settings An Administrator's Guide to Supporting All Children's Success • National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment: School Age Consumer Education Toolkit – Social and Emotional Health
FC 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Department of Human Services: Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) Individualized Education Program (IEP) EIPrintPlan • Early Intervention Technical Assistance: FOEIO (Log in required) • Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN): Teachers' Desk Reference: Practical Information for Pennsylvania's Teachers, Preparing for an IEP Team Meeting. (pattan.net) • Administration for Children and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individualized Education Program (IEP) Basics ○ Individualized Education Program ○ Session 8: The Individualized Family Service Plan Process
FC. 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Children and Families: Supporting Transitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting Transitions: Using Child Development as a Guide ○ Supporting Transitions: Program Policies and Practices

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting Transitions: Early Educators Partnering with Families ○ Supporting Transitions: Program Policies and Practices ○ Supporting Children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) ○ Transition to Kindergarten ● The Pennsylvania Key: Transtion Into Formal Schooling Toolkit ● Better Kid Care: School Readiness
FC. 2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Office of Head Start (OHS) Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework ○ Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Simulation: Boosting School Readiness through Effective Family Engagement Series ● Shared Source PA Family Engagement Resources tab: www.sharedsourcepa.org (must register and be logged in to access information) ● Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE): The Pennsylvania Family Engagement Birth through College, Career, Community Ready Framework ● National Center on Afterschool and Summer Enrichment: School Age Consumer Education Toolkit: Parent and Family Engagement ● Build the Out-of-School Time Network: Engaging Families in Out of School Time Programs ● National Center on Parent, Family and Community Engagement: Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework for Early Childhood Systems ● WIDA: ABCs-Family-Engagement Key Considerations for Building Relationships with Families and Strengthening Family Engagement Practices
FC.2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Care Aware <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Handbook Template
LM 2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Child Care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Child Care Business Planning Guide ○ Tom Copeland's Taking Care of Business Handouts ● First Children's Finance: Resources ● Child Care Aware: Child Care Providers
LM 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child Care Aware: Example of Staff Handbook ● Shared Source: Policy and Procedure Checklist Resources List

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LM. 2.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Establishing an Injury/Illness Monitoring/Tracking System • Early Childhood Education Linkage System: ECELS Tools to Meet Keystone STARS Standards
LM 2.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education Linkage System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs-California Childcare Health Program ○ Health and Safety Action Plan ○ Health and Safety Checklist for Home-Based Child Care Providers ○ Supervision Resource List ○ Active Play Safety Checklist and Planning Tool • Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center: Keep Children Safe Using Active Supervision • California Childcare Health Program: Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs • Caring for Our Children Basics: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education: 2.2.0.1: Methods of Supervision of Children
LM. 2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education Linkage System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ STARS Standard LM 2.5 Supporting Children with Special Needs (Provides PD Module, Forms and Policy directly related to LM 2.5) ○ Care Plan for Children with Special Needs and Process to Enroll • Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards – 4th Edition: Page 139, Section 3.5 • Caring for Our Children Basics: Program Review Tool • National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance: Administering Medication • California Child Care Health Program: Medication Administration in Child Care Programs
SQ. 3.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Professional Development (PD) Registry: www.papdregistry.org • The Pennsylvania Key: Professional Development Organizations in Pennsylvania
SQ. 3.4.2 - SQ. 3.4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Professional Development (PD) Registry www.papdregistry.org

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Staff Qualifications Grid • Professional Development Tracking Grid for STAR 3 & 4 Programs: Teaching Staff • Professional Development Tracking Grid for STAR 3 & 4 Programs: Non-instructional Staff
EC. 3.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Department of Education: List of OCDEL approved Curricula: Early Learning Standards • The Pennsylvania Key: Aligning Curriculum with Kindergarten Standards • Pennsylvania Department of Education: Linking Curriculum to Early Learning Standards
EC 3.4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pennsylvania Key: List of OCDEL-approved Assessment Tools: Early Learning Outcomes Reporting • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: BASICS on Assessments Systems, Informs and Cultivates Success • The Pennsylvania Key: Guiding Principles on Early Childhood Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guiding Principles on Early Childhood Assessments for Educators and Professionals, Birth to Age 8 (Grade 3) ○ Framework for a Comprehensive and Aligned Assessment System for Pennsylvania
EC 3.4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Children and Families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ongoing Child Assessment: A Guide for Program Leaders ○ Assessment • National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC): DAP: Observing, Documenting, and Assessing Children’s Development and Learning
EC. 3.4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WIDA: Early Language Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Early Language Development ○ Promoting Equity for Young Multilingual Children and Their Families • Head Start Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center: Culture and Language • Early Intervention Technical Assistance: Dual Language Learners • Administration for Children and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dual Language Learners Toolkit ○ Gathering and Using Language Information That Families Share

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EC. 3.4.5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Quality Improvement Plan Instructions and Template #1 • Continuous Quality Improvement Plan Template #2 • The Pennsylvania Key: Program Observation • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Child Care Facility COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Internal Assessment Process Template, Keystone STARS Program Manual
EC. 3.4.6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pennsylvania Key: Program Observation • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Internal Assessment Process Template, Keystone STARS Program Manual
FC 3.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Kid Care: Connect families to community-based services and resources • Administration for Children and Families: Child Development Resources for Families and Providers
FC 3.4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Kid Care: Family/child conferences: Connecting with Families (Part 1) • Child Care Exchange: Parent Meetings: Ways to Make Them More Meaningful • Administration for Children and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Family Partnership Process: Engaging and Goal-Setting With Families ○ Talking With Families About Their Child’s Development
FC 3.4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ounce: The Importance of Continuity of Care • Administration for Children and Families: Continuity of Care Tip Sheet • Child Care State Capacity Building Center: Continuity of Care • ZERO TO THREE: Primary Caregiving and Continuity of Care
FC 3.4.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head Start Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center: Family Engagement • Pennsylvania Department of Education: PA Family Engagement Framework • Better Kid Care: Family Engagement: Ideas and insights to inform partnerships with families • Administration for Children and Families: Family Engagement The Administration for Children and Families

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning: Pennsylvania Crosswalk
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FC 3.4.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for the Study of Social Policy, Strengthening Families™ Protective Factor Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ About Strengthening Families™ and the Protective Factors Framework ○ Center Based Care: Strengthening Families Self Assessment Tool ○ Family Child Care: Strengthening Families Self Assessment Tool ○ Strengthening Families 101
FC 3.4.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Children and Families: Community Engagement • NAEYC: Building Reciprocal Relationships with Communities
FC 3.4.8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration for Children and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Family Partnership Process: Engaging and Goal-Setting With Families ○ Talking With Families About Their Child’s Development
LM 3.4.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pennsylvania Key: Director Credential • McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership: National Director Credential
LM 3.4.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Child Care: Business Administration Scale ○ Center and School Age Care: Program Administration Scale ○ PAS and BAS “Are You Ready?” Checklists
LM 3.4.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education Linkage System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Child Care Health Consultant Role – 4.5 minute video ○ Health Consultants and Relationships with Child Care Providers ○ Child Care Health Consultant Description and Brochure ○ Child Care Health Consultant Business Partnership Agreement ○ Child Care Service Encounter Form

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration for Children and Families – Child Care Health Consultation – Skill-Building Modules
LM 3.4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities Exchange Shared Source PA