



S.T.A.R.S.

Standards, Training/Professional Development,
Assistance, Resources, Support



What is STARS?

The STARS program is a state wide initiative to promote and encourage quality childcare and preschool programs. Providers and Educators complete an online self-assessment survey and upload their supporting documentation to validate their quality programs. Several states have already implemented their version of state quality assessments and require these assessments to be a licensed child care center, preschool, or home provider.



Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete the Trainer Qualification Application.

What can STARS do for me?



STARS will help educators validate their program quality and allow for a Quality Improvement Consultant to provide you the support and resources you desire. The STARS system is also on Great Start to Quality website which allows parents access to information regarding all licensed programs in the state of Michigan. This site will list your program, contact information, schedule and accreditation. It indicates which programs participate in the STARS program and their STARS rating. It is an incredible tool for parents to use to make the critical choice of which childcare and preschool program best fits their child and family needs.

How does STARS help children?

Anyone who has a child in a childcare program, preschool program or before and after school care knows that quality programs are a gem. Research is clear, birth through 3 years of age is when the brain has the most growth. This tells us that providers, whether in a home setting or center are essential to our children's growth and potential.

Adults also value the need for hands-on loving childcare. Families no longer need to choose between a child's heart or a child's head. By combining the personal loving attention and a quality program to families, you can provide the whole package. Providing children with the best start in life is our goal and we believe the STARS program is a valuable tool to help providers, educators and parents reach that goal. Children are what it is all about.



How can I get more information?

For more information about the STARS program or help in finding a provider, center or program that is participating please contact Kent Resource Center at 616-447-5678 or visit www.greatstartconnect.org

