

Tips and Strategies for Participating in STARS



What can I expect to learn from viewing this slideshow?...

- ✓ **Have a general understanding of the STARS for KIDS NOW program and its participation requirements**
- ✓ **Know how to get Technical Assistance to help your center participate in STARS for KIDS NOW**



This is not intended to be a STARS Overview.



In order to meet the STARS overview requirement....you will need to contact your local STARS Quality Coordinator for more information.

1-800-956-8950

What is STARS for KIDS NOW?



Kentucky **I**nvests in **D**eveloping **S**uccess

**Part of Kentucky's Early
Childhood Initiative**



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What is STARS for KIDS NOW?



It is a voluntary program, but there are regulatory requirements.

Licensed TYPE I Facilities

www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/922/002/170.htm

Licensed TYPE II and Certified Homes

www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/922/002/210.htm

STARS for KIDS NOW Goals:

- Increase the quality of child care for all children
- Recognize and reward quality child care
- Provide consumer awareness/guidance for families
- Increase capacity for subsidy children in higher quality programs

What makes a rating?

To earn a STARS rating, a program must meet the **STARS Standards** for the STARS Level **and** attain the **ERS Score** required for that level

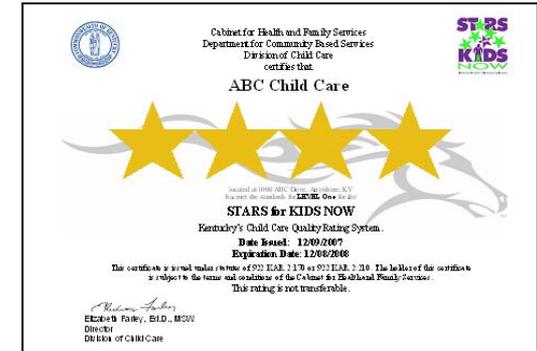
Standards + ERS = STARS Rating

STARS Standards Requirements

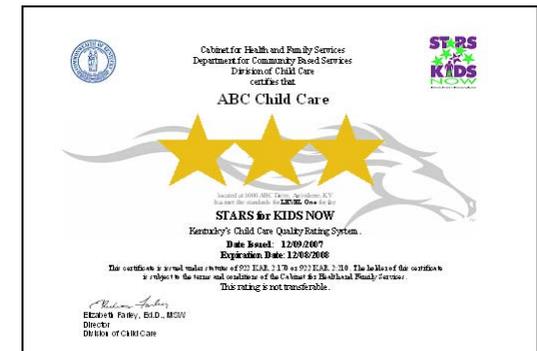
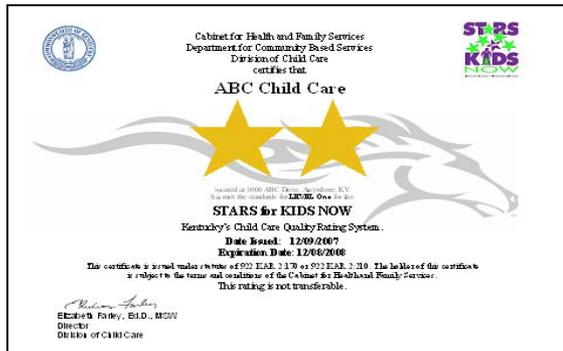
Based on:

- Child to Caregiver Ratios
- Program Curriculum
- Child Care Staff Training
- Program Regulatory Compliance
- Personnel Policies

STARS Standards



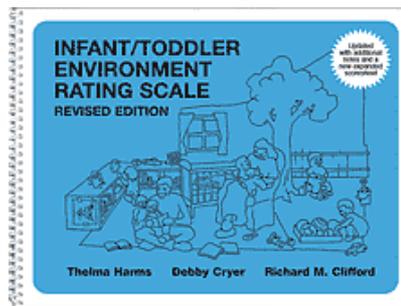
The Standards Grid(s) will help explain each STARS Level and its requirements



Environment Rating Scales

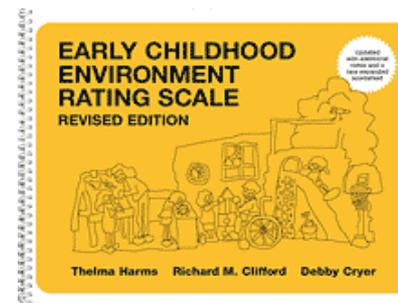
ITERS-R

Infant/Toddler Environment
Rating Scale



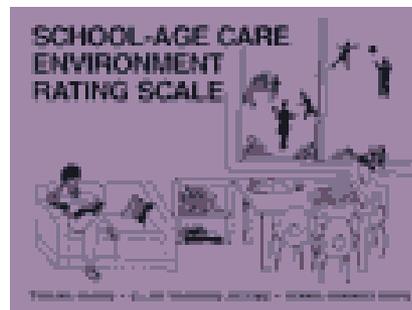
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Early Childhood Environment
Rating Scale



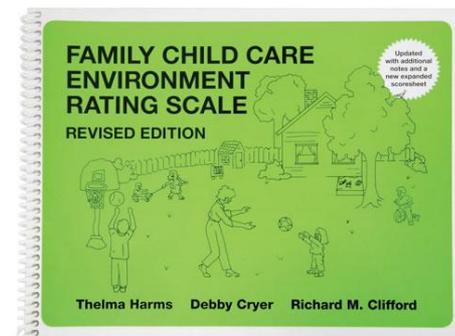
SACERS

School-Age Care Environment
Rating Scale



FCCERS-R

Family Child Care Environmental
Rating Scale



How long is a STARS rating valid?

Level 1 – Valid **1** year

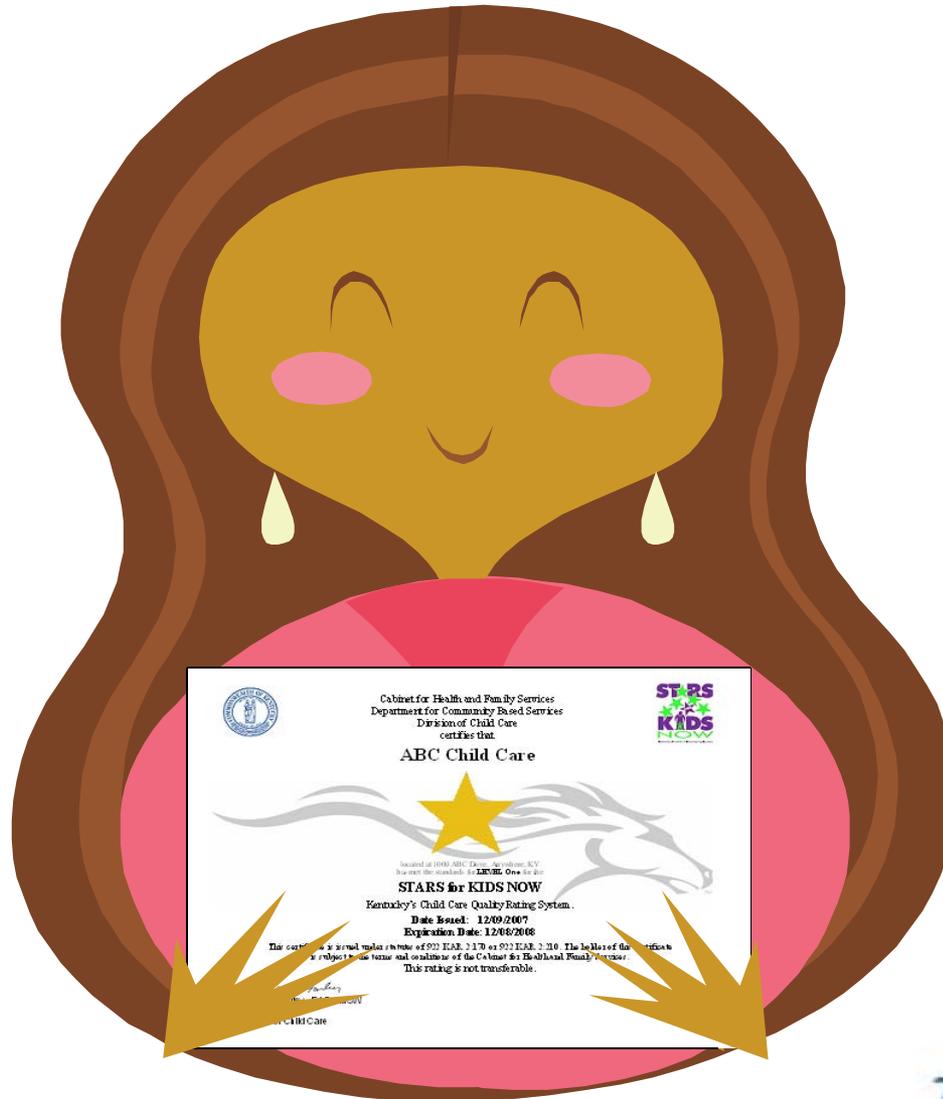
Level 2 – Valid **2** years

Level 3 – Valid **3** years

Level 4 – Valid **4** years



STARS Level 1 Achievement



You can be a part of STARS!



Get credit for the things your center already does!

Post in public view...

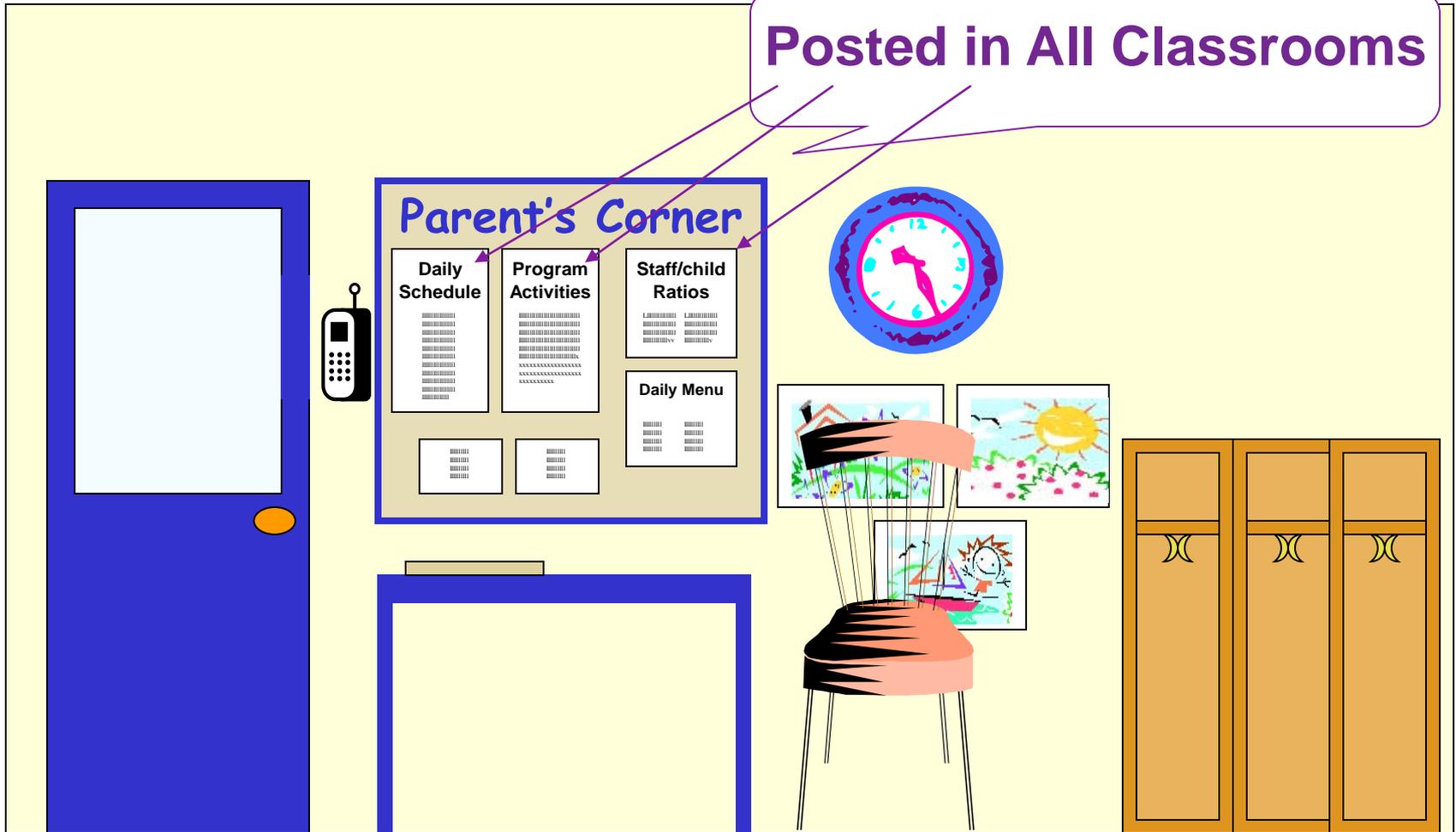
Staff/Child Ratios and Child Care License or Certificate



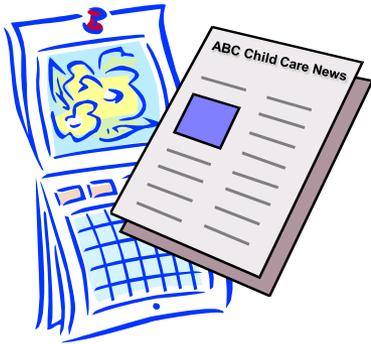
Post in EACH classroom...

Staff/Child Ratios, Program Activities (Lesson Plan) and Daily Schedule

Posted in All Classrooms



Ideas for ...



- Distribute newsletter
- Distribute program calendar
- Parent conferences



Family Involvement



- Open house
- Spaghetti supper
- Lunch/breakfast with parents
- Mother's Day teas
- Father's Day barbecue
- Programs (*children perform*)



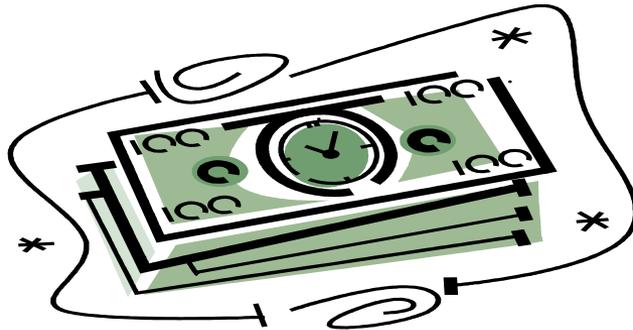
Be above the rest!

All STARS levels are measurable quality indicators beyond the licensing minimum.



It pays to be in STARS!

By participating in the STARS for KIDS NOW....you may be eligible for STARS Achievement and/or Incentive Awards.



As of July 1, 2008 there are additional awards available for STARS levels 3 and 4.

Awards for Type I Facilities

Initial Achievement Award			
STARS LEVEL	Less Than 50 Children	51 to 100 Children	More Than 100 Children
	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
1	\$200	\$200	\$200
2	\$500	\$750	\$1,000
3	\$1,700	\$2,200	\$2,700
4	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000

Annual Achievement Award			
STARS LEVEL	Less Than 50 Children	51 to 100 Children	More Than 100 Children
	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
3	\$850	\$1,100	\$1,350
4	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

Annual Enhancement Award			
STARS LEVEL	Less Than 50 Children	51 to 100 Children	More Than 100 Children
	\$ Amount	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
4	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500

Quality Incentive Award			
Percentage of Subsidy Children in the Center	Child Under 3 Years of Age		
	STARS Level		
	2	3	4
	\$ Amount Per Subsidy Child Per Month		
1-10%	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
11-25%	\$9.00	\$13.00	\$16.00
26-50%	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$17.00
51-75%	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
76%	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$19.00
Percentage of Subsidy Children in the Center	Child Age 3 Years and Over		
	STARS Level		
	2	3	4
	\$ Amount Per Subsidy Child Per Month		
1-10%	\$7.00	\$11.00	\$14.00
11-25%	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$15.00
26-50%	\$9.00	\$13.00	\$16.00
51%-75%	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$17.00
76%	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$18.00

Awards for Type II and Certified Homes

Initial Achievement Award	
STARS LEVEL	\$ Amount
1	\$100
2	\$250
3	\$500
4	\$1,000

Annual Achievement Award	
STARS LEVEL	\$ Amount
3	\$250
4	\$500

Annual Enhancement Award	
STARS LEVEL	\$ Amount
4	\$500

Quality Incentive Award		
STARS LEVEL	Child Under 3 Years of Age	Child Age 3 Years and Over
	\$ Amount	\$ Amount
2	\$10.00	\$9.00
3	\$14.00	\$13.00
4	\$17.00	\$16.00

We want to see you succeed!



Everyone involved in your STARS experience wants you to be successful and will be there to help you and your center reach the desired goal!

STARS for KIDS NOW Supports



Kentucky Invests in **D**eveloping **S**uccess

- Staff to Child Ratio
- Staff Training and Education
- Curriculum
- Regulatory Compliance

STARS Quality Coordinators

NAEYC Mini Grants for Accreditation

Scholarship Program

Quality Incentive Payments

STARS Achievement Awards

Training Professional Development

Rating Visits By STARS Raters

Community Early Childhood Councils

CDA Mini Grants

Healthy Start



For More Information

Your **STARS Quality Coordinator (SQC)** can tell you more about STARS.....

- SQCs represent the Kentucky Partnership for Early Childhood Services' Quality Enhancement Initiative
- SQCs are located at your local KCTCS
- SQC Web address:
<http://www.kentuckypartnership.org/QEI/qc.asp>

We all have the same goal.....



We want Kentucky's children to experience the best quality child care possible.

STARS for KIDS NOW can help you provide that care.

Thank you.



**Together we can make a difference
for Kentucky's children.**

**Contact us at: 1 (800) 421-1903 or visit the STARS
website at: www.starsforkidsnow.com**