ALL STARS USER GUIDE



User Guide for Kentucky All STARS Provider Portal users

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1.0 Introduction

Kentucky All STARS is Kentucky's expanded five-star quality rating and improvement system for early care and education programs. The system serves all early care and education programs that receive public funding including child-care centers, Head Start and public preschool. Kentucky All STARS is based on Kentucky's Early Childhood Standards and research-based indicators of quality. It recognizes programs that have made a commitment to continuous quality improvement.

2.0 Access to All STARS from the Provider Portal

Provider Portal users must have a citizen account and permissions for their role granted in the Kentucky Online Gateway (KOG). Users must also be assigned to a licensed or certified provider(s) by the Division of Child Care (DCC) in order to access the Provider Portal.

Instructions for obtaining a citizen KOG account and assignment to a licensed or certified provider(s) can be found at https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kiccsportal.aspx.

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KICCS Provider Portal Launch Site

What It Is

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Contact the <u>KICCS HelpDesk</u> for help creating an account, navigation assistance or system issues related to the Provider Portal.

Local (Frankfort): (502) 564-0104, Option 5 Toll-free: (866) 231-0003, Option 6

Portal Access

KICCS Provider Portal

Become a KICCS Portal User

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- University of Kentucky STARS staff (QEI) print and follow the instructions on the QEI User Agreement W

Once an account has been obtained and a provider(s) assigned by DCC, bookmark https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/dcc/Pages/kiccsportal.aspx for future access to the Provider Portal. To access the Provider Portal from this page, click on the "KICCS Provider Portal" link as shown below.

KICCS Provider Portal Launch Site

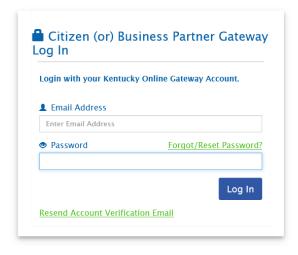
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Sign in with email address and password.



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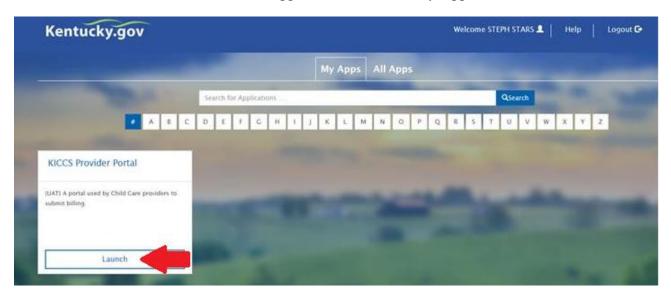
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 for instructions to create a KY
 Online Gateway citizen account
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Don't already have a Kentucky Online Gateway Citizen Account?

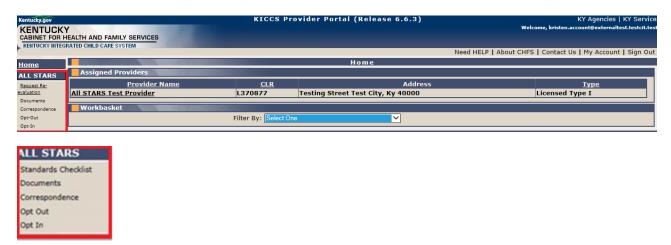
Then launch the KICCS Provider Portal application from the "My Apps" tab.



3.0 Provider Portal – Home Page

The "Home" page for the Provider Portal contains a list of providers to which the logged in user has been assigned, a workbasket section to organize pending tasks, and a left menu bar to navigate to other pages on the Provider Portal. The left navigation bar displays the pages the user can access.

To navigate to the Standards Checklist page to request a reevaluation, view correspondence, view uploaded documents, complete an Opt-In request, or complete an Opt-Out request, select a provider name from the list and then click on the corresponding option in the left navigation bar under the "All STARS" tab.



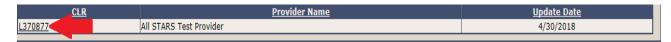
To display the items that need attention in the workbaskets, select the desired workbasket in the "Filter By" dropdown list. The workbasket will display a list of items (if any exist) that need attention.



The list of workbaskets for All STARs are as follows:

- All STARS Unsubmitted Standards Checklist (An item is created in this workbasket when information has been saved for a standards checklist because the provider requested reevaluation, but the checklist has not been submitted).
- All STARS Returned Standards Checklist (An item is created in this workbasket when a rater returns a standards checklist for completion or correction).
- All STARS DCC Requested Reevaluation (An item is created in this workbasket when DCC requests a reevaluation or if there is a change in provider location).
- All STARS AQR Due (An item is created in this workbasket 100 days prior to the annual review date).
- All STARS Renewal Due (An item is created in this workbasket 100 days prior to the renewal date).
- **All STARS Returned AQR** (an item is created in this workbasket when the rater returns the annual quality review for correction or completion).

Click the link from the workbasket to be directed to the appropriate page for the appropriate provider to complete the necessary task. Once the task is complete, the item will be removed from the workbasket.



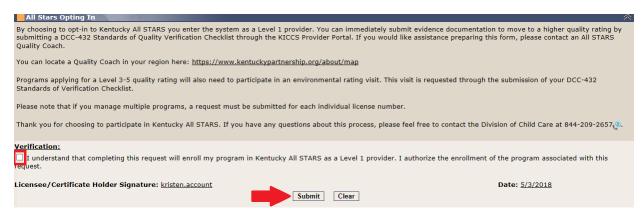
4.0 Provider Portal - Opt-In

Any licensed or certified provider with an active license/certificate who is not currently participating in the All STARS program may "Opt-in" to the All STARS program. The provider will enter the All STARS program as a level 1.

To navigate to the Opt-In page, select the appropriate provider from the "Assigned Provider" grid and click on the "Opt-In" link on the left navigation bar.



To complete the Opt-In request, check the verification checkbox and click the submit button.



An enrollment letter will be sent by DCC. A copy of this letter will be available on the Provider Portal on the Correspondence Page.

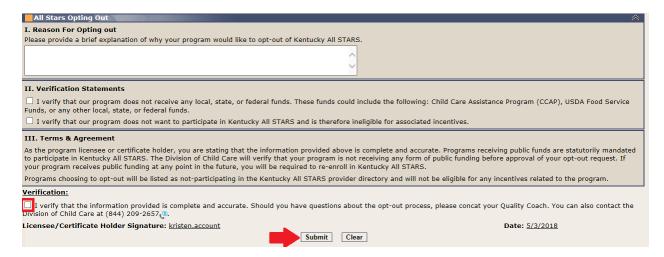
5.0 Provider Portal – Opt-Out

A licensed or certified provider who doesn't want to participate in the All STARS program and does not accept public funds may request to "Opt-Out" of the All STARS program. DCC will determine whether to approve or deny the request.

To navigate to the Opt-Out page, select the appropriate provider from the "Assigned Provider" grid and click on the "Opt-Out" link on the left navigation bar.



To opt-out, submit the online DCC-433 form which requires a reason for opting-out, verification the provider receives no public funds, and verification the provider doesn't want to participate in the All STARs program.



DCC will notify the provider of their decision to approve or deny the request by mail. A copy of this letter will also be available on the Provider Portal on the Correspondence page.

6.0 Provider Portal – Standards Checklist

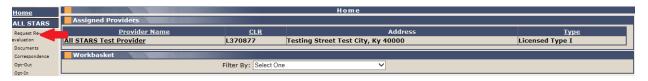
The Standards Checklist Page is an online version of the DCC-432 Standards of Quality Verification Checklist.

It is necessary to submit a Standards of Quality Verification Checklist and supporting documentation via the Provider Portal to DCC for the reasons listed below:

- To request to be moved to a higher quality level
- A change in location
- DCC requests a re-evaluation
- Renewal

A licensed provider may request a reevaluation if he/she has a regular license (no preliminary license). A certified provider may request reevaluation at any time after receiving a certificate from the Division of Regulated Child Care (DRCC). However, a provider cannot request a reevaluation more than two times in a twelve-month period and a provider must wait three months after receiving a certificate from a reevaluation or renewal to request a new reevaluation.

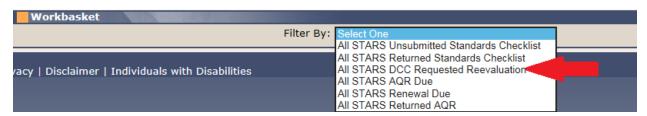
To request to be moved to a higher quality level, select the provider from the "Assigned Provider" grid and click "Request Re-evaluation" from the left navigation bar.



If a Standards Checklist for a request to be moved to higher quality has been saved, but not submitted, click on the item in the "All STARS Unsubmitted Standards Checklist" workbasket to resume work on the Standards checklist and submit.



If DCC requests a re-evaluation or there is a change of location, an item will be created in the "All STARS DCC Requested Reevaluation" workbasket. Click on the item in the workbasket to begin the Standards Checklist. If the Standards Checklist is saved, but not submitted, return to this workbasket to continue and submit.



An item is created in the "All STARS Renewal Due" workbasket 100 days prior to renewal. Click on the item in the workbasket to begin the Standards Checklist for renewal. If the Standards Checklist is saved, but not submitted, return to this workbasket to continue and submit.



Should the Standards Checklist be returned for more information or for correction, the item will be found in the "Returned Standards Checklist" workbasket. Click on the item to view comments and instruction to complete the Standards Checklist.



The Standards Checklist is divided into panels that can be opened and collapsed. Only one panel can be open at a time. To collapse (close) the panel, click the "Save" or "Cancel" button at the bottom of the panel.



To open a panel, click on the down arrow in the blue panel header.

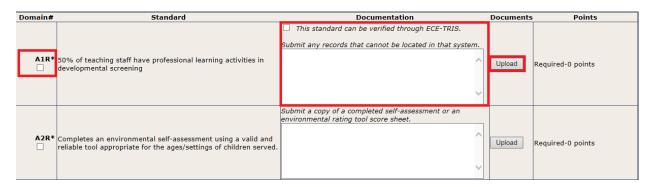


The first panel is the Program Information panel. This panel requires a site director name, site phone number, site director email, and the name of the quality coach.



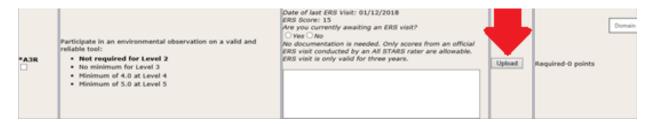
Domain A, B, C, and D panels follow.

Each domain panel contains a domain number checkbox, the corresponding standard, an area to enter comments, a checkbox to indicate if documentation is available in ECE-TRIS (if applicable), a button to upload documentation to support the standard, and the points associated with each standard.

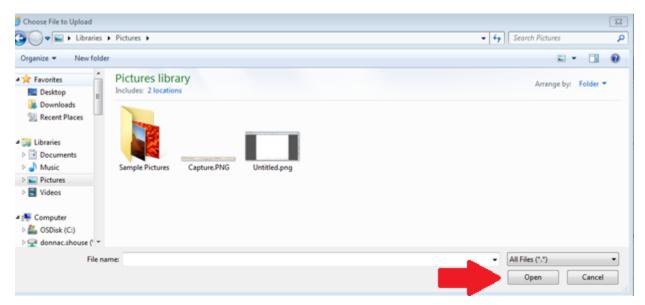


Each domain panel also contains information regarding which standards are mandatory (if any) and indicates the number of points needed to obtain levels 3 through 5.

To upload a document to support a standard, click the upload button that corresponds with the standard.



This will allow the upload of a document from the computer to the Provider Portal. Select the desired document and click "Open" to upload the document.



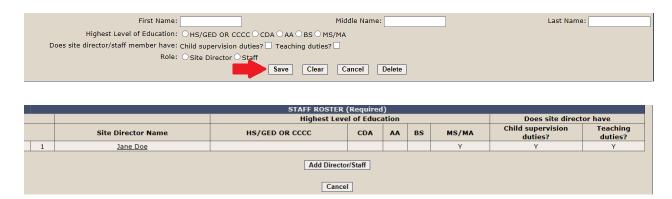
All documents uploaded to support standards will be displayed on the Documentation Page on the Provider Portal.

The Standards Checklist also contains a Staff Roster panel that consists of staff name, highest level of education, and type of duty. Please note that it is mandatory for a site director to be entered.

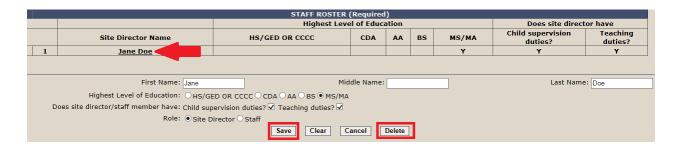
Click the "Add Director/Staff" button to open the panel to enter staff information.



Once data is entered and the "Save" button has been clicked, the data will be populated in the Staff Roster grid.



If data is entered incorrectly or if the individual should be deleted, click on the individual's name in the grid which will expand the lower section and will allow a correction to be saved or an individual to be deleted.



The Provider and Internal Staff Summary panel contains mandatory questions, displays the total points in each domain based on the domain #s checked and their associated point value. There is also a section that is "For Official Use Only." The "For Official Use Only" section will only be filled in if the Standards Checklist is returned by DCC for correction or completion.



To submit the Standards Checklist to DCC, open the Verification panel. Verify that the information is complete and accurate by checking the checkbox and then click the "Submit" button. After the request is submitted, it cannot be updated unless DCC returns it.



Once the Standards Checklist has been accepted, a .pdf version of the Standards Checklist will be available on the Correspondence page.

7.0 Provider Portal – Annual Quality Review

The Annual Quality Review page is an online version of the DCC-434 Annual Quality Review form. The Annual Quality Review (AQR) occurs the years that recertification is not required.

The AQR form will be available 100 days prior to the annual review date. An item will be created in the "AQR Due" workbasket. Click on the item in workbasket to begin the AQR. If the AQR is saved, but not submitted, return to this workbasket to continue and submit.



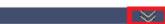
Should the AQR be returned for more information or for correction, the item will be found in the "Returned AQR" workbasket. Click on the item to view comments and instruction to complete the AQR.



The AQR is divided into panels that can be opened and collapsed. Only one panel can be open at a time. To collapse (close) the panel, click the "Save" or "Cancel" button at the bottom of the panel.



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Name of Program:	All STARS Test Provider	County	y: FRANKLIN
Program Physical Address:	Testing Street , Test City KY 40000		
Program Mailing Address:	Testing Street , Test City KY 40000		
*Site Director Name:		Provider Type: 🗹 Type I 🗆 Type II 🗀 Certified	*Quality Coach:
*Phone Number:		*Owner/Director Email:	Certificate/License #: L370877
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The Quality Improvement Plan panel contains a question regarding a written "Quality Improvement Plan." If a written plan exists, then an explanation regarding progress tracking must be entered in the textbox.

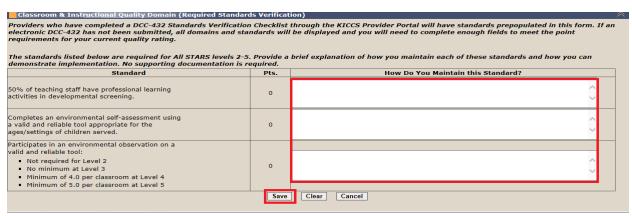
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*Does your program have a written Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)? Yes ONO	
"If you utilize a QIP, please provide a brief statement of how you track progress towards the goals outlined in your QIP. If you do not use a QIP, provide brief statement of how you ensure sustained and/or increased quality of your program.	
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Save Clear Cancel	

The Program Support and Assistance panel provides an area for feedback. Completion of items in this panel are mandatory.

Program Support and Assistance		100
*Has your program used technical assistance (coaching) within the past 12 months?	○Yes ○No	
*Are you interested in moving your program to a higher All STARS rating?	○ Yes ○ No	
*How can the All STARS team support your program to implement, maintain, or	sustain the practices associated with the Kentucky All STARS Standards of Quality?	
Save	Clear Cancel	

The Standards Verification section displays each standard in each domain and the points associated with each standard. This panel requires a statement regarding how the program plans to maintain each previously achieved standard.

Only the Standards from a previous Standards Checklist or AQR (whichever occurred last) will be enabled for documentation. If there is no previous Standards Checklist or AQR, all standards will be enabled and no total points will be displayed.

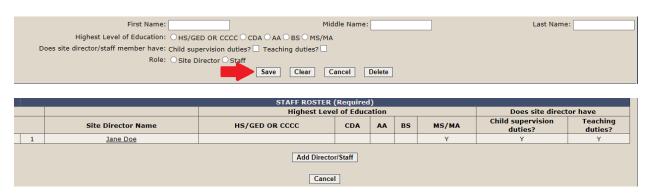


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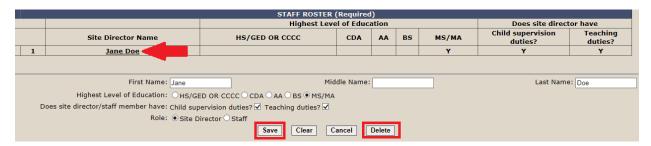
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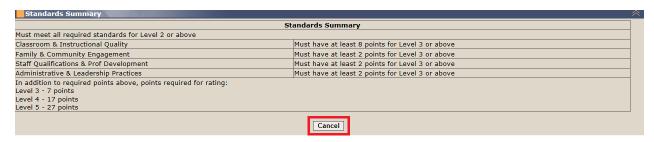
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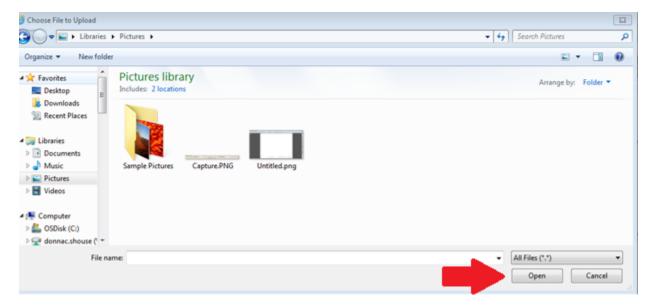
The Standards Summary contains an explanation of points required for each All STARs level. Click "Cancel" button to collapse (close) this panel.



The Verification panel contains an "Upload Files" button that can be clicked to upload any necessary documents from the user's computer.



Choose the selected file(s) and click the "Open" button.



All documents uploaded for the AQR will be displayed on the Documentation page.

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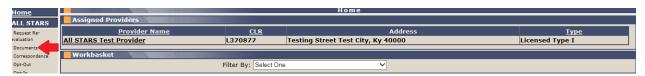


Once the AQR has been accepted, a .pdf version of the AQR will be available on the Correspondence page on the Provider Portal for the provider to view.

8.0 Provider Portal - Documentation

Any documentation that is uploaded on the Provider Portal for a Standards Checklist or Annual Quality Review can be viewed on the Provider Portal.

To navigate to the Documentation page, select the appropriate provider from the "Assigned Provider" grid and click on the "Documentation" link on the left navigation bar.

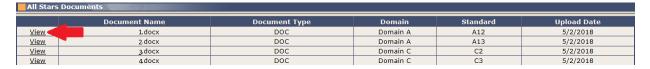


The Documentation page consists of a grid that displays a system generated Submission ID, Submission Type, Submission Status, and Submission Date for each time a Standards Checklist or an AQR is submitted.

To view the list of documents associated with a submission, click on the "Submission ID" link.



To view/print a specific document, click on the "View" link.



9.0 Provider Portal - Correspondence

An electronic copy of correspondence regarding the All STARS program will be available on the Provider Portal. Also included are a .pdf version of Standards Checklist, .pdf version of Annual Quality Review, latest All STARS certificate, and a .pdf versions of the Opt-In/Opt-Out forms.

To navigate to the Correspondence page, select the appropriate provider from the "Assigned Provider" grid and click on the "Correspondence" link on the left navigation bar.



The All STARS Forms History panel contains a dropdown list of forms/correspondence and, in most cases, "From Date" and "To Date" to limit the results that are returned. If the "All STARS Certificate" is chosen from the dropdown, there is no option to enter a date range, since only the last rating certificate is available for viewing/printing.

Choose a correspondence from the dropdown list, choose a date range if desired (optional) and click the "Show History" button to display a list of correspondences.



Click the "View" link to view/print a correspondence, Standards Checklist, AQR, or All STARS certificate.

