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Re: Designation/Attestation and Incentive Movement grant

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Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Submit

Carrie, Congratulations you have earned your Star 2. Please complete the request for Designation and the Attestation paperwork. In addition, I have enclosed the incentive bonus paperwork. You are entitled for an additional \$500.00 as a movement bonus. Please take a minute to complete and fax back. Please put to the attention of Antoine Murray, Keystone Stars specialist. I will be forwarding you the supportive tools we discussed or may be able to drop them off very soon. You and your children should be very proud.

Thank you and have a pleasant day.

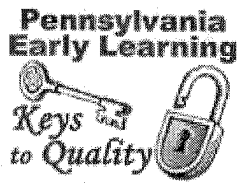
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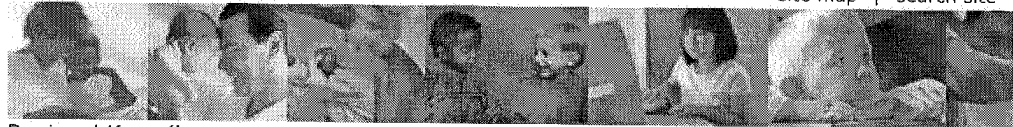
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STARS stands for Standards, Training/Professional Development Assistance, Resources, and Support

Keystone STARS: Improving the quality through

- **S**tandards
- **T**raining/Professional Development
- **A**ssistance,
- **R**esources and
- **S**upport



Keystone STARS is an initiative of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania.

The Keystone STARS Performance Standards provide the foundation for the program. The Performance Standards are grouped into four levels: **STAR 1, STAR 2, STAR 3, and STAR 4**. Each level builds on the previous level and utilizes research-based best practices to promote high-quality learning environments and positive child outcomes. The standards address staff qualifications, professional development, the early learning program, partnerships with family and community, and leadership and management.

Keystone STARS is managed through a partnership of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) and the Pennsylvania and Regional Keys.

Child Care Works Subsidy Add-on for Keystone STARS programs

As part of OCDEL's commitment to continuous quality improvement in early learning, child care programs participating in Keystone STARS at the STAR 2 level or above will receive a subsidy add-on for every child they serve that is enrolled in Child Care Works, effective September 1, 2008.

This subsidy add-on or "tiered reimbursement" is applicable to family, group and center-based child care at the STAR 2 level or higher, and increases with each STAR level. The add-on is automatically applied to the subsidized child care rate for the program by the CCIS. The additional daily amount may vary based on circumstances, increase provider rates to an amount that exceeds the Maximum Child Care Allowance.

The add-on amounts are as follows:

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Daily Increase for	STAR 2	STAR 3	STAR 4
Full-time	\$0.25	\$0.75	\$1.00
Part-time	\$0.15	\$0.40	\$0.50

New STARS Awards for 07-08

Award amounts for Support and merit awards and education and retention awards have increased for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Beginning in 07-08, STAR 2 programs may receive awards at the STAR 2 level for up to 5 years if they have completed a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) plan and demonstrated progress. Attached are the revised award an

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