

Quality Child Care Matters



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Dear Early Childhood Professional,

You and other early childhood professionals across the state are making a difference for children and families by improving your professional practice.

In the spirit of continuous quality improvement, IdahoSTARS is also making improvements in practice. Here are three changes, effective on July 1, 2018:

1. Steps to Quality programs now have more choices to meet the Professional Development quality indicators for staff. Trainings will be based on individual interest and needs of directors and educators. Regional Consultants will work closely with Steps to Quality programs to offer more options for meeting verification requirements.
2. Because of the increase in the number of PDS Registry Participants, the Essential Training award, Series 1-4, has been eliminated. *Applications for the Essential Training award postmarked by June 30, 2018 will be processed using the current award system.*

PDS Registry Anniversary and Level Move Awards will remain the same as we continue to evaluate and align IdahoSTARS awards with professional development opportunities. In addition, we will work to automate and simplify the award application process.

3. In order to process trainings faster and communicate with providers more efficiently, faxing training documents will no longer be an option as of July 1. To submit training take a picture, scan, upload, email or mail documents to the IdahoSTARS Training Office.

Thank you for your participation in IdahoSTARS. It is through you and other early childhood professionals that we are improving outcomes for children and families across Idaho.

Thank you,

IdahoSTARS Leadership Team