



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q: Where can I find the application**

**A:** Applications instructions be emailed out to all Providers who participated in the information session.

### **Q: FCCERS assessment also offered?**

**A:** A FCCERS assessment is available to Family Child Care Providers.

### **Q: What about a provisionally licensed center?**

**A:** Providers must have a license in order to apply. If a program has a provisional license due to being a new program it is unlikely that the site will be a STAR 2 program, therefore they would be unable to apply. Programs with a provisional license due to licensing violations are welcome to apply but are not guaranteed to be accepted.

### **Q: Are visits / coaching sessions conducted in person or online?**

**A:** Due to Covid restrictions visits and coaching session are offered in person and online depending on a Providers policy. For in person visits Providers must be following all CDC guidelines and regulations.

### **Q: What is the duration of support?**

**A:** Providers will receive 24months of support and will be offered the opportunity to participate in a Sustainability Community of Practice, after the 24months of support.

### **Q: How long is the process to move up to the next Star level?**

**A:** The length of the process to move to the next STAR level, depends on a program's readiness and commitment to movement. Every program participating in EQUIP will be provided with 24months support to support the process.

### **Q: Could I apply for both of my locations?**

**A:** Providers with multiple locations are able to apply for EQUIP, but there is no guarantee that both sites will be accepted.

### **Q: Do organizations with multiple sites need to submit an application for each site?**

**A:** Organizations with multiple sites must submit an application for each site.



**Q: Once programs are approved what are the expectations for number of hours we need to commit to engagement?**

**A:** Providers are expected to remain engaged throughout the duration of the initiative (24months). Once a program is accepted the number of coaching hours will be determined by the number of classrooms and identified needs.

**Q: What if a program is in the process for moving up to star 3?**

**A:** If a Provider has not moved to STAR 3 at the time that they submit their application the Provider is still eligible to apply.

**Q: I already participate in a learning circle now do I need to join another learning circle?**

**A:** Learning circles are highly encouraged, but not mandatory.

**Q: Who are the other partnership agencies?**

**A:** ELRC, PHMC, Child Trends, Aspire to Inspire, Philadelphia Family Childcare Consortium.

**Q: if you have a quality coach with stars can you still be involved with equip**

**A:** Yes, EQUIP coaches will collaborate with your quality coach **to coordinate** services and support.

**Q: Are the coaching sessions available in the evening?**

**A:** Yes, coaching sessions are available in the evening. EQUIP Coaches will do their best to accommodate the schedules of Providers.

**Q: How quickly do we need to apply? Is it all selection based or is there some first come first serve element?**

**A:** At this time applications are being accepted on an ongoing bases.