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 (24 months). 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?


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.