

Kentucky All STARS Definitions

This document was developed to support coaches in the migration of programs into the Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System (TQRIS) by defining key terms and concepts within the TQRIS framework.

Approved Credential: Current documentation as awarded by Kentucky Division of Child Care or Council for Professional Recognition.

Approved Degree: Includes associate degree or higher in:

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Development

Education for Primary (K – 4)

Child Care Assistant

Child Development Services

Human Sciences

Individual and Family Studies

EC Professional Organization: A national group that represents the specialized interests of early childhood professionals and promotes public interest in early childhood initiatives as follows:

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)

Child Care Aware of America

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Division for Early Childhood (DEC)

HighScope Educational Research Foundation

Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)

National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)

National Head Start Association (NHSA)

World Organization for Early Childhood Education-United States National Committee (OMEP-USNC)
ZERO TO THREE

New Setting: Any environment different than the one the child is currently experiencing including:

Home to Center-based

Classroom to Classroom within Center-based

Center-based to Pre-K

Pre-K to Primary (Kindergarten)

Center-based to Primary (Kindergarten)

Professional Learning Activity: Consciously constructed relevant experience that supports improved practices, effectiveness and the application of skills, processes, and content.

Program Director/Site Administrator: Individual with decision-making authority and responsibility for daily on-site operations.

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Related Degree: Includes associate degree or higher in:

Psychology

Art Therapy

Child Life

Kindergarten education

Nursing

Speech Therapy

Counseling

Human services

Human services administration or program administration

Nursery School teacher

University or General Studies with emphasis in early childhood

Physical Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Staff: A person who provides direct care and supervision to children and is used to meet staff-to-child ratios.