

# The Infant & Toddler Specialty Technical Assistant (TA) Role



## What is the role of an Infant & Toddler Specialty TA?

We know that the quality of care in a child's first few years of life has a major impact on developmental outcomes. Delaware Stars offers Infant & Toddler Specialty Technical Assistance to work directly with early childhood professionals to improve practice. Our specialty TAs have specific knowledge and skill sets to improve the quality of care for infants and toddlers in group settings.

Delaware Stars Infant & Toddler TAs are available to work with you in a variety of situations all while coordinating their efforts with your Generalist TA.

**Contact us if any of these situations apply to you!**

### Administrators/Owners

Are you getting ready to open a new classroom or are you adding a new age group?

Is your program getting ready to apply for the "Capacity" grant?

Do you need help supporting the unique needs of your infant and toddler teachers?

### Staff

Do you need new strategies to support challenging behaviors?

Are you challenged in teaching children how to productively use materials?

Are your routine care practices aligned with state regulations?

Are transitions the least favorite part of your day?

### Ways we support your program

- Our Technical Assistance is customized to meet individual program needs.
- Onsite coaching to support effective practices for infants and toddlers.
- Professional Development on infant and toddler care.
- Providing resources to connect programs with partner agencies and supports.



# Partnership Roles

## Program Staff/Provider Role

- Work in collaboration with TAs to develop a detailed action plan that integrates goals, strengths, needs and resources, and Delaware Stars standards.
- Utilize appropriate resources as discussed with TA.
- Take the lead on implementation of the action plan.

## Infant-Toddler TA Role

- Support program to identify and clarify needs using a variety of data.
- Work in collaboration with program staff to develop a detailed action plan tailored to each classroom.

**Observation/Feedback**  
**Mentoring**      **Modeling**  
**Resource**      **Direct**  
**Sharing**      **Instruction**  
**Coaching**