

INFANT & TODDLER SPECIALTY

Technical Assistance



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 is providing Infant & Toddler Specialty Technical Assistance to work directly with early childhood professionals to improve practice to meet the needs of infants and toddlers in group settings.

AREAS OF FOCUS AND SUPPORT

Interactions

Focus: Increase the frequency and quality of interactions to enhance language and development.

AREAS TO SUPPORT

- *During Play
- *Within Daily Routines
- *Setting Limits
- *Positive Behavior Support
- *Temperament
- *Interactions related to materials
- *Family Engagement

Routines

Focus: Support safe and responsive care to improve practice.

AREAS TO SUPPORT

- *Transitions
- *Supervision
- *Appropriate Feeding Practices
- *Safe Sleeping
- *Individualizing Schedules
- *Responsive Care
- *Primary Care

Environment/Structure

Focus: Enhance the environment to increase engagement.

AREAS TO SUPPORT

- *Visual Supervision
- *Flow of Room
- *Materials
- *Displays
- *Curriculum: Activity and Interest Areas /Planning
- *Group Times
- *Continuity of Care

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 on research based practices and connecting programs with partner agency resources and supports

Modeling
Coaching
Mentoring
Resource Sharing
Direct instruction
Observation/
Feedback

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PARTNERSHIP ROLES

Program Staff/Provider

- * Work in collaboration with TA to develop a detailed action plan that integrates goals, strengths, needs, and resources, and any relevant Stars standards strategies according to timelines
- * Utilize appropriate resources as suggested by TA
- * Take responsibility for implementation of the action plan

Infant-Toddler TA Role

- * Support program to identify and clarify needs using a variety of data
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