

## **STARS hours are moving to fiscal year:**

In case you have not heard, the revised WAC/foundational quality standards states that STARS hours will be calculated for the fiscal year rather than the calendar year.

**This will begin on July 1, 2020.** Child care providers are still required to have 10 STARS hours.

In-person trainings have not been allowed since March. However, there will not be an extension for child care providers to complete their 10 STARS hours from 2019. DCYF has given six extra months for providers to complete those hours.

### **See the breakdown below:**

- January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 – 10 STARS hours required of child care providers
- July 1 – June 30, 2021 – 10 STARS hours required of child care providers

**If providers have a surplus of STARS hours, five STARS hours can be carried over to the following year.** *(Example: If a provider has 15 STARS hours from 1/1/19-6/30/20 they can carry over those five extra hours to the next year – 7/1/20-6/30/21).*

*The information about the STARS requirement is listed in WAC 110-300-0107.*

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