



Keystone STARS Grant & Award Structure Overview FY 16 -17

Keystone STARS encourages and supports programs to develop and sustain higher levels of quality in order to strengthen outcomes for children and families and to improve school readiness. The RISING STARS SUPPORT GRANT, the MERIT AWARD, and EDUCATION AND RETENTION AWARD charts below indicate the maximum resources available, with approved expenses and submitted receipts, to qualifying programs at varying Keystone STAR levels, based on Full Time Equivalency (FTE). Family Child Care Home facilities eligibility could also be established by being enrolled in TIER 1 Child/Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) – administered through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Eligibility for grants and awards requires serving a subsidized population of no less than 10%.

RISING STARS SUPPORT GRANTS

RISING STARS Support Grants will be awarded to selected providers in targeted areas. Providers selected may be eligible for enhanced Professional Development, materials, financial awards, or any other good or service identified by the sponsoring Regional Key. RISING STARS Support Grants are only valid within the Regional Key awarded and are non-transferable.

Merit Awards at STARS 3 & 4 Group/Centers account for programs implementing authentic assessment of children.

MERIT AWARDS								
	Family Home	Group Homes	Center up to 6 FTE	Center 7- 12 FTE	Center 13- 45 FTE	Center 46-99 FTE	Center 100-180 FTE	Center 181+ FTE
STAR 2 3X Award <i>* see below</i>	\$1,000	\$1,575	\$975	\$1,537	\$3,071	\$6,142	\$9,214	\$15,275
STAR 3 Ongoing	\$1,500	\$2,470	\$1,560	\$2,376	\$4,872	\$9,782	\$18,122	\$24,310
STAR 4 Ongoing	\$2,000	\$3,255	\$2,112	\$3,143	\$6,406	\$12,675	\$24,570	\$32,012

** Award 2 additional years with CQI Plan and demonstrated progress*

Education and Retention Awards FY 16-17 for highly qualified staff (prorated for hours worked less than 35 hrs per week)

Education and Retention Awards				
	Director or Owner/Operator Career Lattice Level 5 or above	Career Lattice Level 6	Career Lattice Level 5 or 4	Career Lattice Level 3
STAR 2	\$ 3,090	\$ 2,320	\$ 1,545	\$ 600
STAR 3	\$ 3,605	\$ 2,705	\$ 1,805	\$ 700
STAR 4	\$ 4,120	\$ 3,090	\$ 2,060	\$ 800

Daily Rate for children receiving Child Care Works subsidy effective 08/01/15**

Child Care Works Daily Add On**								
Age of Child	STAR 1		STAR 2		STAR 3		STAR 4	
	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time	Part Time
Infant	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.15	\$ 1.55	\$.95	\$ 5.55	\$ 2.65	\$ 8.40	\$ 3.35
Young/old toddlers	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.15	\$ 1.45	\$.85	\$ 5.40	\$ 2.55	\$ 8.25	\$ 3.20
Preschool	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.15	\$.95	\$.45	\$ 4.80	\$ 2.05	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.60
School Age	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.15	\$.95	\$.45	\$ 4.80	\$ 2.05	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.60

**EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2015. The Daily Rate increased on average \$2.45 for the STAR 3 full time rate and \$3.05 for the STAR 4 full time rate. For more specifics about STARS standards, grants and eligibility requirements, visit www.pakeys.org > Keystone STARS. Awards are subject to change based on the final appropriated state and federal funding levels. Amounts identified are maximum eligibility amounts and applying providers may be awarded less. All awards subject to availability of funds and are not guaranteed. Providers must be in active status and of good standing to qualify. Provider may not have any liabilities owed to the commonwealth or the federal government, including but not limited to tax liens, Contractor Responsibility Program infractions, etc. Receipt reconciliation is a requirement of grant and award participation.