

Priorities	Inputs	Outputs Activities	Outputs Participation	Outcomes Short Term 1-2 years	Outcomes Medium Term 3-4 years	Outcomes Long Term 5-6 years
<p><b>Build the supply of quality diverse early care and education programs</b></p>	<p>Keystone STARS system that is individualized, responsive and respectful of diverse ECE settings.</p> <p>Indicators that are evidence-based or best practice.</p> <p>Technical assistance, professional development and referral staff that are knowledgeable and supportive of diverse ECE settings.</p> <p>Rewards and incentives that support quality improvement.</p>	<p>Develop Keystone STARS policies and practices that overtly recognize and support a diverse range of ECE providers/settings.</p> <p>Create multiple pathways for programs to demonstrate quality.</p> <p>Create equitable funding strategies and distribution of resources.</p> <p>Recruit diverse participants into Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Use authentic assessment tools for TA and CQI; NOT high stakes ratings.</p> <p>Develop a communications strategy promoting the flexibility of STARS and supports for diverse ECE settings.</p>	<p>Diverse program providers and families</p> <p>STARS, TA, PD and referral staff</p>	<p>Increased interest in participation in STARS.</p> <p>Programs knowledgeable about STARS benefits.</p> <p>STARS marketing campaign - Define benefits of Keystone STARS for all ECE programs.</p>	<p>Robust tiered reimbursement to support family participation in Keystone STARS rated programs.</p> <p>Federal funding limited to programs that participate in Keystone STARS.</p>	<p>Increase in the number and types of high-quality early childhood education programs participating in Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Increase in diversity of programs participating in Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Increase in the number of STARS programs earning higher STARS ratings.</p> <p>Families have access to more high-quality programs.</p> <p>Providers have targeted resources that help meet the indicators in Keystone STARS.</p> <p><b>All public subsidy funds must be used in programs that participate in Keystone STARS.</b></p>
<p><b>Increase family access to quality programs</b></p>	<p>Increase subsidy funding / tiered reimbursement based on STARS ratings.</p> <p>Target subsidy funds to high-needs families.</p> <p>Target subsidy funds for use in higher quality programs.</p>	<p>Marketing and education to families and community about quality ECE and Keystone STARS.</p>	<p>Families</p> <p>Referral and support staff</p>	<p>Marketing strategy developed.</p> <p>Families are knowledgeable about Keystone STARS, the importance of quality ECE, and about child care benefits.</p>	<p>Parents know about and look for Keystone STARS programs.</p>	<p>Families have needed resources to access highest-rated Keystone STARS programs.</p>

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<b>Build and maintain a qualified workforce</b>	<p>Progressive credit-bearing pathway that leads towards degrees and credentials.</p> <p>Rigorous, not rigid, PD standards for Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Sustainable workforce retention strategies.</p> <p>T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships / Rising STARS Tuition Assistance.</p>	<p>Develop PD pathways and support in partnership with higher education partners.</p> <p>Create a state level PD plan that includes overt attention to the whole child - health and wellness, cognitive and language, social and emotional.</p> <p>Increase TA workforce to include knowledgeable and responsive subject matter experts/ coaches.</p> <p>Develop professional development content that includes relationship-building skills across, race, ethnicity, culture, etc. with families, providers, TA and training staff, the public, policymakers, etc.</p>	<p>Program Administrators (Centers and Home-based)</p> <p>Teachers (Center and Home-based)</p> <p>TA and coaching professionals</p> <p>Higher education partners</p> <p>Professional development system administrators</p>	<p>Increased variety (topic and level) of PD available that leads to formal education and credentials.</p>	<p>Increased PD opportunities for Quality Coaches (subject matter experts).</p>	<p>TA consultants available for ECE programs to address child care health, social emotional, infant and toddler, etc.</p> <p>Increase in diversity of TA, coaching and training staff.</p> <p>All PD is progressive.</p>
<b>Empower Program Leadership</b>	<p>Professional development, TA and coaching includes content related to business practices for program leadership.</p> <p>Keystone STARS policies empower program leaders to make key decisions regarding staff.</p>	<p>Develop STARS policies, practices and incentives that empower and support program leaders.</p> <p>Create professional development content and practice to support the growth of leadership skills in program directors and administrators.</p>	<p>Program administrators</p> <p>Higher education partners</p> <p>TA and coaching professionals</p> <p>Professional development system administrators</p>	<p>Director has tools and supports needed to be successful in Keystone STARS.</p>	<p>Director retention and recruitment increased due to greater job satisfaction.</p> <p>Access to more types of progressive PD opportunities.</p>	<p>Directors recognized as strong leaders and major contributors to Keystone STARS system.</p> <p>Directors are leaders in promoting Keystone STARS to staff, families and the public.</p>

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<b>Integrate data and management systems</b>	<p>Integrated data systems, e.g., Certification, STARS, Child Care Works, Pre-K Counts, Head Start, Early Head Start, CACFP, etc.</p> <p>One point of entry for all ECE programs to access all quality and support services.</p> <p>One point of entry for families to access information on quality ECE programs and subsidies for child care.</p>	<p>Map key data systems.</p> <p>Create data system workgroup/task force.</p> <p>Identify opportunities for greater communication / coordination between data systems.</p>	<p>Data system developers</p> <p>Key program staff representative of data areas (Head Start, STARS, PD, Pre-K etc.)</p> <p>Program providers</p> <p>Families</p>	<p>Set data infrastructure goals and timeline.</p>	<p>Improve program integrity and redundancy.</p> <p>Provider and family ease of access and usability.</p>	<p>Less money spent on building infrastructure for data and more money for teacher salaries.</p> <p>Data system that allows multiple agencies and organizations to contribute data and use data for decision making. Increase in quality of data.</p>
<b>Create a responsive, strengths-based and individualized TA / coaching system</b>	<p>Professional Development (PD) for Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Coaches and Early Intervention and Technical Assistance (EITA).</p>	<p>Recruit TA / Quality Coaches.</p> <p>Training of coaches.</p> <p>Develop communication and feedback loop with providers and TA/coaching staff.</p>	<p>Quality Coaches</p> <p>TA / Coaching Staff</p> <p>ECE programs</p>	<p>Increased number of programs entering into Keystone STARS, receiving a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) plan and achieving first rating.</p>	<p>Increased number of programs earning higher STARS ratings.</p>	<p>Increased number of programs earning higher STARS ratings.</p>
<b>Create a Keystone STARS administrative system that is consistent in quality and responsive to providers and the TA/coaching system</b>	<p>Data systems.</p> <p>Keystone STARS indicators.</p>	<p>Create policies and procedures that are aligned with the revised Keystone STARS.</p> <p>Create a communication system that informs providers, TA / coaching staff, and other stakeholders and captures feedback to use for adjustments to process.</p> <p>Create a rating process that is consistent and reliable.</p>	<p>Keystone STARS</p> <p>Administrators</p> <p>Providers</p> <p>TA / Coaching staff</p> <p>Other stakeholders</p>	<p>Revised Keystone STARS policies and procedures that are easily understood.</p> <p>Revised rating process that minimizes burden to providers and is reliable and valid.</p>	<p>Adjusted STARS rating process based on input from stakeholders.</p> <p>Cost efficiencies realized in rating process.</p>	<p>Evolving rating process that produces reliable data to be used in making adjustments for greater effectiveness and efficiencies.</p>