



Resources and supports available through September 2016

Rhode Island has applied for additional time to spend remaining Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge grant funds. The following resources and supports will be available during the grant's no-cost extension period. You can anticipate the availability of the following resources through September 2016. Click the image below.

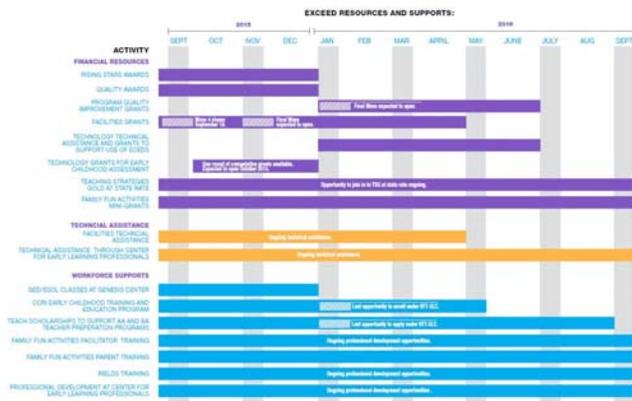


Save The Date

Nov 3: Workforce ELC mtg, 9:30-11:30 am, Warwick Public Library

Dec 1: ELDS & Assessment ELC mtg, 2:00-4:00 pm, Northern RI Collaborative, Lincoln

May 7, 2017: RIAEYC 50th Early Childhood Conference, Crowne Plaza, Warwick



The WKC framework for Administrators and Education Coordinators will be released early in 2016. The WKC's are designed to inform professional development, hiring policies, evaluation, and more!

Each of the documents, plus a [technical paper](#), that describes how the process to develop the WKC's worked, is available on the [Exceed website](#).

Fun Family Activity & RIELDS resources

Anyone can access the RI Early Learning and Development Standards and Fun Family Activity [materials](#). Most recently, a [poster](#) was created to help advertise the availability of free Fun Family Activity training. Help us support the goal of engaging more families in Rhode Island by downloading and hanging any of our [resources](#) in your place of business, child care programs, or organization! All resources are available in English and Spanish.

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Fun Family Activities

Support Young Children's Learning and Development at Home

The Rhode Island Department of Education has developed a valuable resource for parents, grandparents, foster parents, and other caregivers. It is a complete set of fun and easy activities that help support the learning and development of children ages birth to five.

The Fun Family Activities are:

- FREE
- Developed for families with children ages birth through five
- Based on the Rhode Island Early Learning and Development Standards
- Designed to help your child develop knowledge and skills that are important for school readiness

FREE Training on the Fun Family Activities is Available!

Training on the Fun Family Activities Cards is available throughout Rhode Island. The trainings are a series of hands on workshops, offered by an early childhood expert that provide a great opportunity to meet and learn from other parents, learn more about child development as well as gather additional state resources. The training is fun, interactive, and grounded in play. Parents will leave having developed a scrapbook as well as a full set of the cards. For a schedule of offerings please visit the website above.

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For more information call (401) 270-0101.

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Rising Star Award Reminder

The Department of Human Services continues to award Rising Star Awards to programs that join*, move-up or convert (at any star level) from the 2009 BrightStars standards to the 2013 standards.

The time-limited program will recognize programs that join BrightStars at a star level two or higher, and those that apply for and receive a higher star rating and/or convert to the 2013 standards. Programs that join, convert standards, or increase their star rating between June 1, 2015 and December 15, 2015 are eligible for an award. Programs that convert will be awarded the amount at their overall star rating level on the 2013 standards.

[Click here](#) for the application and additional information. Call [Deborah Anthes](#) at DHS for additional information at (401)462-6842. Applications are to be returned to the Department of Human Services.

	1 Star*	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
	<i>*Conversion only</i>	Join, Convert, Move up			
Centers/Public Schools	\$500	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
FCC	\$500	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,000

BrightStars Participation

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Education (RIDE) continue to reach out to early learning and education providers to encourage participation in BrightStars. If you have any questions about your program's participation, do not hesitate to connect with BrightStars at (401)739-6100.

The chart below represents the total number of programs enrolled in BrightStars on September 30, 2015. The total number of early learning and education programs operating as of January 1, 2015 is 916; that represents 552 family child care providers, 311 center-based programs, and 53 public schools.



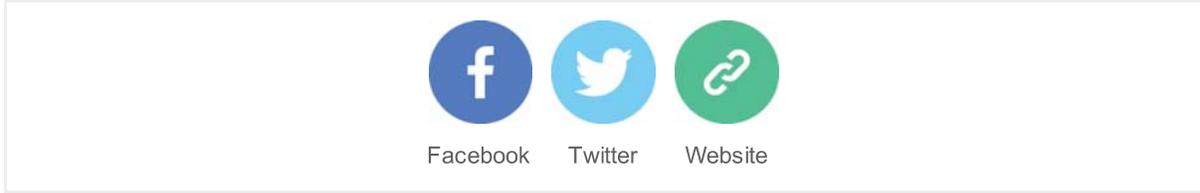
BrightStars Rated Programs

	2015 BrightStars Enrollment Goal	ACTUAL (as of Sept 30, 2015)
1 Star	458	466
2 Star	183	161
3 Star	138	50
4 Star	73	50
5 Star	64	17
TOTAL	916	744
% OF GOAL	100%	81.2%

Rhode Island is making progress towards enhancing high-quality early learning programs

The Rhode Island Department of Education issued this [press release](#). On Tuesday, October 27, the U.S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services released the 2014 performance reports of 20 states receiving the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge grant. They report that all 20 states have made progress over the span of the first two years of the grant.

Visit the Exceed website if you are interested in reading Rhode Island's [2014 annual performance report](#).



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