

## Supporting the Improvement of Program Quality

The Center for Early Learning Professionals has released the following data on their support services to early care and education programs. Pre and post BrightStars rating data for 62 programs (28 center-based programs and 34 family child care providers) that have received Center services in the past 18 months shows that **97% of programs participating in the Center's offerings are demonstrating improved program quality.**

- 97% increased their star rating or maintained their star rating while converting from the 2009 to 2013 framework. Specifically, 78% of programs increased a star rating and 19% maintained their overall star rating in the new 2013 framework.
- More than half of these programs engaged in all of the services of the center (i.e. received a Quality Improvement Grant, Technical Assistance and participated in Professional Development) ; 12 programs received two types of services; and, 13 programs received PD or TA only.



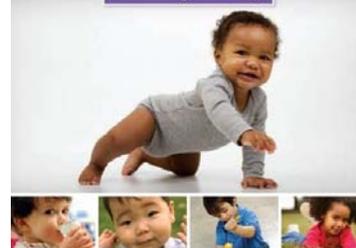
### Save The Date

**Sept 30:** Early Learning Council meeting, 11:30-2:00 pm, Save the Bay, Providence

**October 5:** Final Wave of [facility grant applications](#) will open through Oct 26

### Milestone Moments

Learn the Signs. Act Early.



You can follow your child's development by watching how he or she plays, learns, speaks, and acts. Look inside for milestones to watch for in your child and how you can help your child learn and grow.



Learn more about the Center's technical assistance and professional development offerings [here](#) or contact them directly by calling 401-736-9020.

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## RIELDS Courses

The RIELDS and Next Steps course calendars have been updated and are [available here](#). Additional course offerings are added to the calendar regularly.

Check [this website](#) regularly for available offerings.

Professionals interested in participating in a hybrid-online Foundations course are asked to contact Elaine Remillard at 222-8119. This course is intended for individuals new to RI Early Learning and Development Standards. It serves as a pre-requisite for Family Child Care Providers, Teacher Assistants, Teachers, Administrators and other Early Childhood Professionals. Those holding a certificate from previous attendance at a RIELS training do not need to attend this course. Three sessions will be held face to face at RIC and three will be online using the Blackboard e-learning system. More information is [available here](#); classes are scheduled to begin on December 3.

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## Child and Adult Food Program Applications

The RI Department of Education is accepting applications from public and private institutions that would like to participate in the federally funded Child and Adult Food program. Child care centers, family child care homes, and public schools may all participate. [Visit this website](#) for more information about providing nutritious meals!

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## Rising Star Award Reminder!

The Department of Human Services is pleased to announce **Rising Star Awards**.

This 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, or increase their star rating between June 1, 2015 and December 15, 2015 are eligible for an award.

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

## Excellent Example of a Program Profile!

**Attention Early Care and Education Administrators, Family Home Providers, & Education Leaders!** Are you looking for a good example of a program profile? [Precious Angels](#) in Warwick has a model program profile. Check out their "**ABOUT US**":

*Precious Angel's Child Center is committed to teaching children how to develop the skills of forming friendships and resolving conflict resolution by connecting with others in a positive way, by doing this we hope to create a more peaceful world. To accomplish this we will provide positive leadership by being excellent role models to all our children. The staff is dedicated to meeting the developmental, cognitive, emotional, social and physical needs of our children. Our goal is to teach children to be friends and how to resolve conflict peacefully in order to function successfully as they grow. Through our curriculum that is set within a safe, healthy, and supportive environment, we will nurture our children to become contributing young members of society.*

If you need support to register and update your profile, check out the Early Care and Education Data System ([ECEDS](#)) [helpdesk](#). If you need credentials so that you can update your program profile, please call Erica Mandeville at 222-8164.

Please note, only the administrator/home provider/education leader listed in the program profile can receive credentials, as the log-in credentials will be connected to the individual's workforce registry. The workforce registry will launch this fall!

## BrightStars Participation!

The Department of Human Services (DHS) and 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 participation, do not hesitate to directly connect with BrightStars at 739-6100.

The chart below represents the total number of programs enrolled in BrightStars on August 31, 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 centers, and 53 public schools.



## BrightStars Rated Programs

	2015 BrightStars Enrollment Goal	ACTUAL (as of August 31, 2015)
1 Star	458	482
2 Star	183	142
3 Star	138	50
4 Star	73	50
5 Star	64	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	916	741
<b>% OF GOAL</b>	100%	80.9%



Interested in learning more about the work of the Race to the Top - Early Learning Challenge grant? A copy of the August report to the Early Learning Council is [available here](#).



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