



Delaware Stars Revision

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Committee Updates

- The Leadership Team is now meeting bi-weekly to facilitate the most robust (to date) stage of the revision, with emphasis on the standards revision.
- The Advisory Committee is meeting monthly to review the work of the Leadership Team and Stars staff, who are researching best-practice on standards and indicators
- The Advisory Committee has grown to include providers representing centers, family child care, and school age care



Leadership Team

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Advisory Council

Name	Title	Organization
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Structure Updates

- While revising the standards, the Leadership Team and Advisory Committee are making adjustments to the system structure that was previously shared.
- Standards will be organized into three “buckets” we’re currently referring to as Pillars. These are:
 - Creating Conditions for Quality
 - Leading for Learning & Well-Being
 - Building a Community of Care
- Each pillar will contain 2-3 standards, for a total of no more than 9 standards
- The standards will include “indicators,” (verifiable practices related to each standard) which will flow through the Star levels



Structure (Draft)

Three “Pillars” and Eight “Standards”

1. Creating Conditions for Quality

- Business Practices
- High Quality Personnel
- Continuous Quality Improvement

2. Building a Community of Care

- Relationships with Children
- Relationships with Families
- Relationships with Community

3. Leading for Learning and Well-Being

- Promoting Children’s Learning
- Playful Learning Environments



Other Updates

- We have and continue to work with the National Center for Early Childhood Quality Assurance on the revision.
- We will be hosting virtual meetings to get feedback from teachers, administrators, family child care providers, and school age programs.



Questions & Feedback

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