

STARS to Quality Redesign FAQ

Will baseline assessments be completed for newly accepted STARS programs?

- Yes.

Will programs retain incentive payments?

- All programs will receive their funds based on Star level awarded, as expected. July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, 2024 and July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Our previous PAS assessment was 1/2021, does this mean that we would be up for another one this year?

- Yes. Assessments completed in the Fall of 2020 and Spring of 2021 will need a new PAS/BAS assessment during this redesign period.

Will only one classroom be assessed regardless of the number of classrooms?

- An EC Assessor will be contacting programs and scheduling one ERS assessment per program, regardless of age groups served. The director will have the option of picking the assessment type (ECERS-3 or ITERS-3) and which classroom. ECSB encourages you to pick the room you would like the most feedback on.

Do I have to submit an application to remain at a Star level?

- No. Per the memo, programs will not apply to be in the next application period. Applications will not need submitted in June of 2024 and checklists will not be due by October 31, 2024.

If we are pre-STAR, will we remain at this level until September 2025?

- Yes

Do we have until 2025 to get the STARS trainings completed?

- ECSB strongly encourages staff to take the trainings since they are truly beneficial to early care and education. However, at this time, they are not required as we are not sure if they will continue to be included in criteria.

Pre-Star programs will receive a one-time payment to keep them involved in STARS to Quality and to continue improving upon quality. What will this look like?

- Payments to Pre-Star and Star 1 programs were distributed in January 2024.

Will I maintain my Star level throughout the redesign if my license type changes (Center to Family/Group or Family/Group to Center)?

- Yes, but incentives will remain the same based on the budget approved for the July 2022 application period that will be paid July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025 during the STARS Redesign. Approved incentives will not raise or lower due to license type change.

Will I need an additional assessment during the STARS Redesign if I recently received a baseline (Pre-Star programs)?

- Programs that received a baseline in 2023 will not be receiving an additional assessment.

This FAQ will be updated as questions change, and decisions are made. This FAQ can be found on the [STARS to Quality](#) website.