

Outcome: Children are ready for school

Performance Measure: Licensed Child Care Providers¹ Participating in STARS

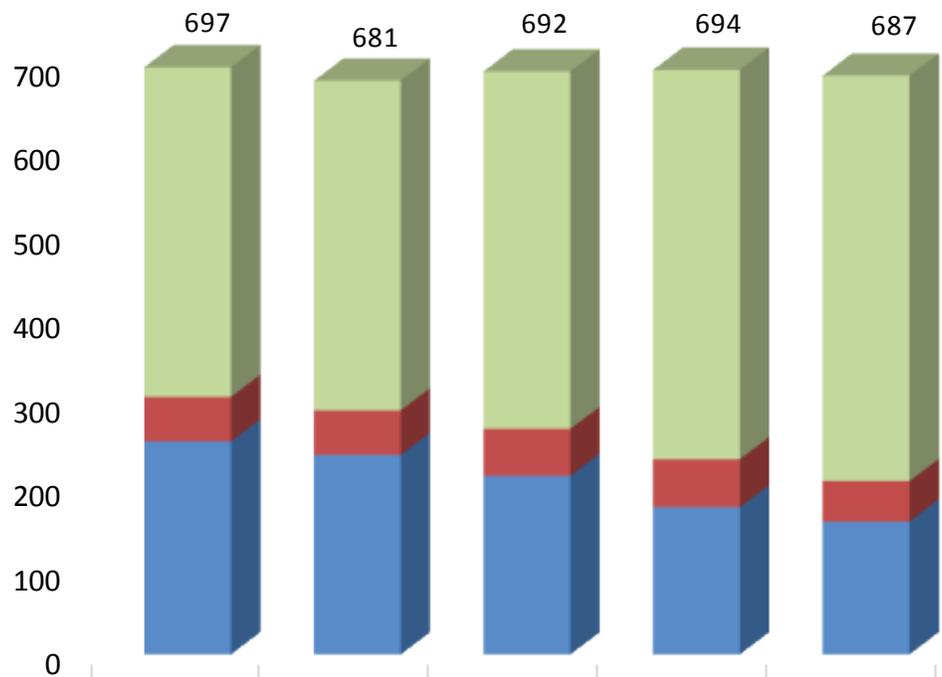
CDD supports the continuous improvement of early childhood and afterschool programs through the STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS). Research shows that high quality early care and education has a demonstrable, positive impact on children’s development, well-being and school readiness.

Programs that participate in STARS are going above and beyond state regulations to provide professional services that meet the needs of children and families.

- ➡ The percentage of providers participating in STARS at any level increased from 75% in SFY 2016 to 77% in SFY 2017
- ➡ The percentage of providers that achieved 3+ out of 5 possible stars (*an indicator of high quality*) increased from 67% in SFY 2016 to 70% in SFY 2017

¹ Child care services typically provided outside a home. This includes part-day and full-day programs, preschools, school-age care programs, public preschool, ski resort child care, Head Start and Early Head Start. The program must meet the appropriate Vermont child care regulations, which include both health and safety criteria.

Licensed Child Care Programs by STARS Participation



Programs at 3, 4, 5 star level	391	391	424	462	481
Programs at 1 or 2 star level	53	53	56	57	48
Programs not participating in STARS	253	237	212	175	158

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Performance Measure: Registered Child Care Providers¹ Participating in STARS

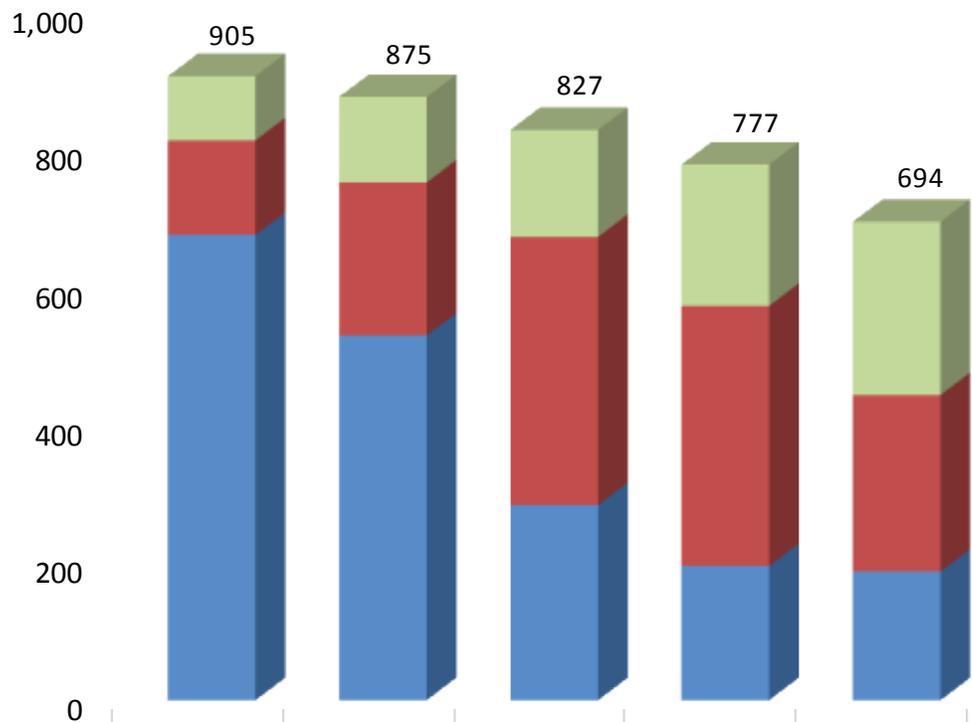
Registered providers generally enter STARS at a one- or two-star level, and they progress over time to higher levels. Their participation at any level is a step in the right direction towards high quality care for all children in Vermont

- ➔ The percentage of all registered providers that achieved 3+ out of 5 possible stars (*an indicator of high quality*) increased from 26% in SFY 2016 to 36% in SFY 2017

While quality care has increased, the total number of registered child care providers has decreased over the past several years. Possible reasons for this decline include retirement, individuals moving and family needs. To help reverse this downward trend, CDD is partnering with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Permanent Fund to develop a campaign to recruit new providers across the state.

¹ Child care provided in the provider's home. The person that is registered is responsible for providing the majority of the care to the children enrolled in the program. The program must meet Vermont's Registered Day Care Home regulations, which include health and safety criteria.

Registered Providers by STARS Participation



	SFY13	SFY14	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17
Programs at 3, 4, 5 star level	93	124	155	205	251
Programs at 1 or 2 star level	137	222	389	377	256
Programs not participating in STARS	675	529	283	195	187