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Start strong. Give your kids all the tools they need for a strong start in life; a better chance at success!

Start searching. Find a Delaware Stars program and other great information.

Start sharing. Hear what parents and families have to say about getting the best for their kids, and tell us your story.

Start something. Help build stronger communities and successful kids by getting involved.

Creating a full compendium of communication tools successfully informed families about the importance of quality childhood early learning and motivated enrollment in Delaware Stars, the state's QRIS program, especially for high-needs children. Tools also helped increase the number of providers participating in the program.

Results:

- **The number of participating early learning providers increased to 72 percent.**
- **The number of high-needs children enrolled in quality Delaware Stars programs increased from five percent to 58 percent.**

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The Departments of Education (ED) and Health and Human Services (HHS) Release Policy Statement on Inclusion in Early Childhood Programs

Earlier this month, [policy statement on inclusion of children with disabilities in Early Childhood Programs](#) was released and states that all young children with disabilities should have access to inclusive high-quality early childhood programs, where they are provided with individualized and appropriate support in meeting high expectations. The policy statement was written with the input of early learning professionals, families and other early learning stakeholders.

Fun with Squirrels & Acorns

Fall is a perfect time of year to talk about squirrels and their ongoing search for acorns as we frequently see them scurrying around outside.

View the full policy statement, an executive summary, and recommendations and resources for states, local providers and families here.

Great Resources for Early Learning Providers

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Learning starts at birth and every experience your child's brain has is a learning experience. Make each day count!

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