

# STARTwithSTARS

A Project of QUALITYstarsNY

## What is Start with Stars?

Start with Stars is a QUALITYstarsNY initiative that can support schools in developing their new UPK programs. We will customize our guidance to your school based on your specific needs. Start with Stars can provide your staff with foundational knowledge in Developmentally Appropriate Practice and early child development and can assist you in creating your classroom learning environments.

## How does it work?

Your school will select an “agent of change” or primary contact person to work with a Quality Improvement Specialist (QI Specialist). Ideally, the selected individual is a school administrator who can ensure that goals developed collaboratively with the QI Specialist are implemented. Classroom teachers are also an integral part of Start with the Stars team. Direct contact with your QI Specialist will take place about once every two weeks while in Start with Stars and will move to about once every 4-6 weeks when your school transitions into QUALITYstarsNY.

## What can Start with Stars offer my school?

- One-on-one support from a Quality Improvement Specialist, an expert in early childhood education.
- Access to high quality learning materials for your pre-k classroom(s).
- Professional development opportunities.
- Support in developing systems to foster high quality early learning for years to come.

## Next Steps?

QUALITYstarsNY currently supports hundreds of programs/schools serving children age 0-5 across all ten economic development regions of New York State, which combined serve nearly 50,000 children. We are currently expanding enrollment across the state to ensure more of New York’s children and families have access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

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