

March 6, 2018

Ms. Storm Webb  
Executive Director  
National Early Childhood Program Accreditation  
PO Box 2948  
Merrifield, VA 22116

Re: Keystone STARS Alternate Pathway Accreditation

Dear Ms. Webb,

Following review of the additional documentation of criteria submitted to the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL), OCDEL is pleased to report that the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) has been approved for STAR 4 Keystone STARS Alternate Pathway Accreditation for programs also holding a current, full Pennsylvania Department of Human Services child care Certificate of Compliance or a current Pennsylvania Department of Education Private Academic Preschool license.

This Alternate Pathway to Keystone STAR 4 Designation will become effective July 1, 2018 provided the additional criteria become a published component of NECPA Accreditation Standards for all programs seeking new NECPA accreditation in Pennsylvania.

OCDEL is happy to offer an opportunity to further discuss your program's STAR level designation within the new Keystone STARS Performance Standards and respond to any questions. Please feel free to contact Judith Fry, Human Services Program Specialist, at [judfry@pa.gov](mailto:judfry@pa.gov) or 717-346-3197 if you would like to debrief.

Thank you for your commitment to offering program quality building opportunities to child care providers and quality early care and education to Pennsylvania's children.

Sincerely,

  
Suzann L. Morris  
Deputy Secretary  
Office of Child Development and Early Learning