

Blue Bell Play & Learn advances to a STAR 3 in Keystone STARS quality rating program

Blue Bell –Play & Learn boosted its ranking in Pennsylvania’s Keystone STARS program and has been recognized with a STAR 3 designation. Out of nearly 5,000 Keystone STARS participants in Pennsylvania, only 8.3% of participants have achieved a STAR 3 designation and we are proud to say we are one of them!

When asked why you are involved in Keystone STARS, Jane Lee, Director of the Blue Bell Play & Learn remarked “We want to give our children the highest quality early education so that they can develop a meaningful understanding of the world around them. We feel good about ourselves. We are teachers who make a difference in the lives of the 1,200 children at our centers. We’ve always known that our teachers, staff and program are all high quality and it’s great that our new STAR 3 designation confirms it. We are now moving toward STAR 4, the highest quality rating!”

Play & Learn has 10 locations throughout Montgomery County actively involved in the Keystone STARS program, with our Bryn Mawr and Hatboro centers scheduled to receive their STAR 3 designation by the end of the summer and our other centers targeting the end of the year. Celebrating our 30th Anniversary this year, Play & Learn is committed to continuous quality improvement, including staff training, program enhancements and community involvement.

Keystone STARS is a quality rating and improvement system. To achieve a STAR 3 rating, Blue Bell Play & Learn went through a lengthy process in which director and staff qualifications and professional development, the learning program, partnerships with families and communities and leadership and management all must meet very specific criteria. Keystone STARS provided training to advance staff education, technical assistance to help programs meet STAR level requirements, and additional resources through support grants and merit awards to support continued quality improvements.

Play & Learn is a non-profit organization, providing child care services for approximately 1,200 children ages 6 weeks to 10 years. We offer award winning infant care, a High Reach toddler curriculum, and Department of Education licensed preschool, certified kindergarten and school age programs. Furthermore, several locations offer before and after school programs for children through age 10. All programs are licensed by the Department of Public Welfare.

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