



Delaware Early Learning Challenge Grant
Accelerating and Advancing Our Children's Early Learning

Expenditures through CY 2015 by Goal and Projects

Key: Projects highlighted in pale green were identified as priority items to be sustained in the original Early Learning Challenge grant application (Projects 3, 5 and 9)

| Goals and Projects | Expenditure thru Year 4 (CY 2015) (Millions) | Total ELC Award (Millions) |
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| Goal 1: A Healthy Start for All Children Focus: Expanding Comprehensive Screening and Follow Up Services for Young Children | \$ 2.9 | \$ 3.2 |
| Project 1: Engage Health Providers to Increase Developmental Screening Outreach and training for health providers to promote use of use of developmental screenings and follow-up (Developmental screens are used to see if child is learning basic skills, identify and address any problems early). | \$.7 | \$.7 |
| Project 2: Strengthen Young Child Mental Health Services Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation services for early learning programs to support children's health social and emotional development. (Consultants help teachers promote positive social and emotional development and reduce challenging behaviors and expulsions). | \$ 2.2 | \$ 2.5 |
| Goal 2: High-Quality Early Learning Programs and Professionals Focus: Expand the Number of Stars Programs and Children with High Needs in Stars Programs, particularly in programs in top tiers of quality. | \$ 25.3 | \$ 30.4 |
| Project 3: Financial Incentive Program for Quality Improvement (Tiered Reimbursement) Tiered Reimbursement to move children with high needs to Stars top quality tiers and to help to off-set costs of attaining and maintaining high quality Stars ratings. | \$ 7.8 | \$ 10.5 |
| Project 4: Infrastructure Fund Stars Program awards for facility or technology enhancements in quality improvement plan, supports moving up in Stars quality rating. | \$ 1.8 | \$ 1.9 |

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| <p>Project 5: Technical Assistance and Stars Plus Delaware Stars Quality Rating and Improvement System provides technical assistants to work directly with Stars programs to help them meet quality standards and move up in quality rating.</p> | \$ 7.3 | \$ 8.7 |
| <p>Project 6: Nutritional and Healthy Living Specialty technical assistant provided on-site help to Stars programs in enhancing nutrition and health programming; Free, online professional development in health and nutrition created and offered on an ongoing basis.</p> | \$.3 | \$.3 |
| <p>Project 7: Comprehensive Developmental Screening Training, materials and technical assistance provided to Stars programs to help them screen young children to identify developmental delays as early as possible and link families to services where problems are identified.</p> | \$.4 | \$.4 |
| <p>Project 8: Early Learning Leadership Initiative Online leadership training course with local community-of-practice support; Articulation agreement makes it possible to articulate course to 9 hours credit for college degree in early childhood.</p> | \$.9 | \$ 1.1 |
| <p>Project 9: Compensation, Retention and Education Awards (CORE) Early educator financial awards for advancement in education and credentials; also promotes stability in early education workforce.</p> | \$ 6.8 | \$ 7.5 |
| <p>Goal 3: Align Early Learning and K-3 School Systems</p> | \$ 3.4 | \$ 3.4 |
| <p>Project 10: Delaware Early Learner Survey Training and technical assistance to schools and early learning programs to help them survey each child’s developmental progress and support individualized learning.</p> | \$ 1.6 | \$ 1.6 |
| <p>Project 11: Delaware Readiness Teams to build early learning/K-3 system alignment Twenty-one DEL TEAMS operating in high-needs areas to strengthen family, community and school partnerships that improve children’s early learning experiences.</p> | \$ 1.1 | \$ 1.1 |

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| Project 12: Higher Education Partnerships All higher education curriculum in early education reviewed for alignment to Delaware’s Early Learning Foundations (ELFs) and Workforce Competencies; Higher Education Toolkit for enhancement of curriculum and alignment to ELFS created | \$.7 | \$.7 |
| Goal 4: Sustain Early Learning System Improvement | \$ 12.2 | \$ 12.9 |
| Project 13: QRIS Measurement Tool Development/Multi-state Consortium Participation in testing/validation of new family-based child care assessment instrument | \$.3 | \$.3 |
| Project 14: QRIS Evaluation and Validation RAND multi-year evaluation of the QRIS/Delaware Stars, scheduled to end in 2015 | \$ 1.9 | \$ 1.9 |
| Project 15: Purchase of Care (POC) Management Information System Updated replacement of antiquated POC early learning program payment management system | \$ 5.3 | \$ 5.3 |
| Project 16: Parent and Community Engagement Public awareness and outreach to families and communities to promote awareness of Delaware Stars and understanding of the importance of quality early learning. (Activities have include the www.greatstartsdelaware.com website, social media, brochures and promotional materials, media coverage and family outreach events. Business, community and family engagement to promote statewide support for quality early learning). | \$ 1.6 | \$ 1.7 |
| Project 17: Leadership for System Development and Sustainability Improved and coordinated state policy, grants management, some expert consultation such as complex cost modeling for Stars programs costs to move up in quality rating. | \$ 3.4 | \$ 3.7 |
| Total | \$ 43.8 M | \$ 49.9 M |