



How can **STEP** Help You on the Pathways to the Stars

Our **STEP** Program is here to offer you support as you move through DCDEE's new

Pathways to the Stars

QRIS Pathway #1 Program Assessment

- ☐ **Family Engagement** – Assistance in planning meaningful family engagement strategies that fit your program design.
- ☐ **Self-Study Support** – Guidance in completing your self-assessments.
- ☐ **Continuous Quality Improvement Planning(CQI)** – Collaborating with you to design a clear, achievable improvement plan for both your facility and your teaching staff.
- ☐ **Program Practice Assessments** – **STEP** will conduct mock/practice assessments using the Environment Rating Scales (ERS). We will then help you identify your strengths and areas for growth. From this assessment an action plan will be conducted. This is in preparation for your NCRLAP official program assessment.

QRIS Pathway #2 Classroom and Instructional Quality

- ☐ **Family Engagement** – Assistance in planning meaningful family engagement strategies that fit your program design.
- ☐ **Continuous Quality Improvement Planning** – Collaborating with you to design a clear, achievable improvement plan for both your facility and your teaching staff.
- ☐ **Curriculum & Assessment Tools** – Support in reviewing state-approved curriculum options and child assessment tools that align with your program's goals. Provide guidance in using child assessment tools and strategies for sharing information with families.
- ☐ **Mentoring and Coaching** opportunities for both administrators and teaching staff.
- ☐ **DCDEE approved training hours** for staff. Training can be individualized to meet the needs of your program. The **STEP** program will help you seek out training and CEU's opportunities across the State.

QRIS Pathway #3 Accreditation and Head Start

- ☐ **Accreditation Support** – Provide information on the types of NC DCDEE approved Accreditations.
- ☐ **Help with navigating the different types of accreditation steps.**

Additional Supports

- ☐ **Story Circle**
- ☐ **Baby Doll Circle**
- ☐ **Lending Library**
- ☐ **Free Trainings**

Information about these supports can be found on our website Harnettsmartstart.org



Whether you are a childcare center or a family childcare home, STEP offers **personalized support!**

Our goal is simple: to give you the tools, coaching, and encouragement you need to strengthen quality, support your staff, and help your program shine.

The HCPC STEP team are not DCDEE regulatory staff nor NCRLAP staff and do not serve in that role. The role of STEP is to coach and mentor.

If you have a need that is not mentioned here, please reach out.

Together these steps help to support and assist in providing quality care for children.

These services are free of charge and funded by Smart Start

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The mission of the Harnett County Partnership for Children is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County through community-based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.