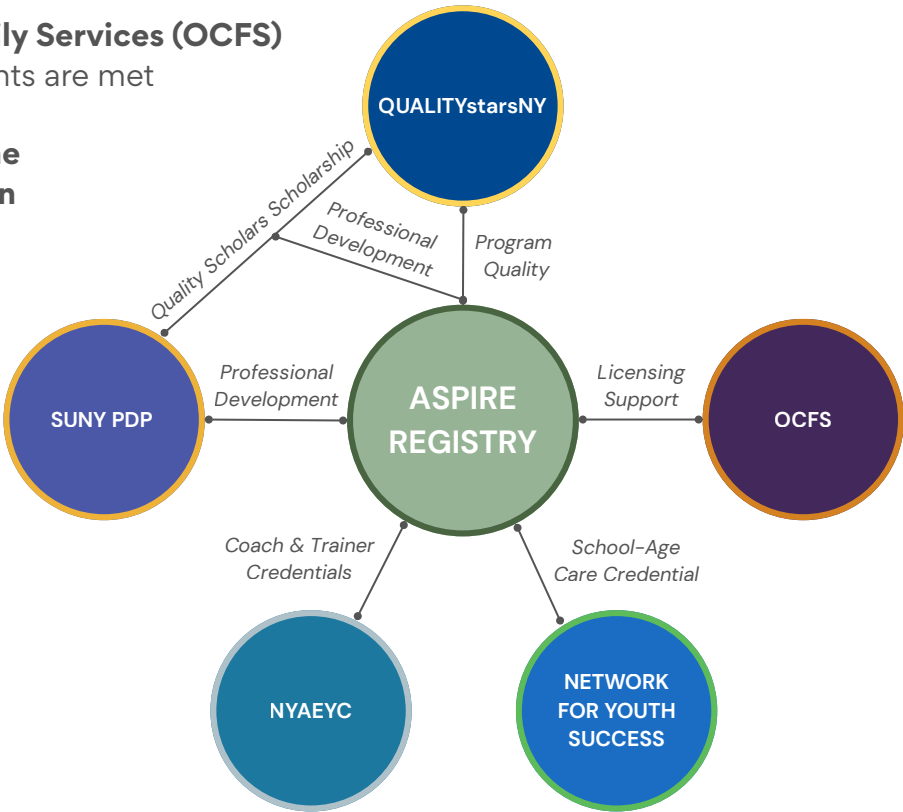




The Aspire Registry is New York State’s official registry for early childhood and school-age professionals. It collects and verifies information about education, training, and experience, helping individuals track their career growth and connect them to quality training opportunities.

Aspire also works with key partners across the state to support professional development, scholarships, and program quality. These partners include:

- **Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)**
Ensures licensing requirements are met
- **New York Association for the Education of Young Children (NYAEOYC)**
Uses Aspire data to approve trainers and coaches
- **SUNY Professional Development Program (SUNY PDP)**
Collaborates on training quality and scholarship eligibility
- **QUALITYstarsNY**
Uses Aspire records to rate programs and guide quality improvement
- **Network for Youth Success**
Tracks progress toward the School-Age Care Credential



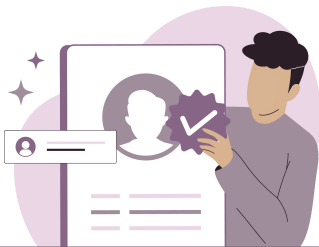
Aspire and the Office of Children and Family Services

Aspire follows a rigorous verification process to ensure all its information is accurate and up to date. Registry policies and procedures align with those of the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to maintain consistency and integrity across the system.

To further support quality, Aspire:

- Verifies submitted documents
- Categorizes degrees and coursework
- Confirms that professional development meets required licensing standards

Licensors can access detailed, program-specific reports that clearly show whether licensing requirements are being met.



218 OCFS licensors have active profiles in Aspire

In 2024, Aspire held OCFS licensor and staff trainings for all 7 regional offices across the state

Aspire and the New York Association for the Education of Young Children

The New York Association for the Education of Young Children (NYAEYC) is a professional organization focused on:

- Influencing early childhood policy
- Strengthening the early learning workforce
- Providing training, resources, and advocacy

NYAEYC also manages Training and Technical Assistance Professional (T-TAP) credentials for trainers and coaches, using verified data from the Aspire Registry to confirm qualifications.

345 T-TAP credentialed trainers have active profiles in Aspire

98 T-TAP credentialed coaches with active profiles in Aspire



857 active PDP-Approved courses in Aspire

3,649 active distance learning, Quality Assured courses in Aspire

Aspire and the Professional Development Program at University of Albany

The Professional Development Program (PDP) and the Aspire Registry collaborate to ensure high-quality professional development.

PDP: Develops learning modules (e.g., Health & Safety, Medication Administration Training (MAT), Early Childhood Education Training Program (ECETP) trainings), approves online learning organizations, and manages the Educational Incentive Program (EIP) scholarship.

Aspire: Verifies trainer endorsements and course quality. Shares this info with PDP to confirm EIP scholarship eligibility.

Aspire and QUALITYstarsNY

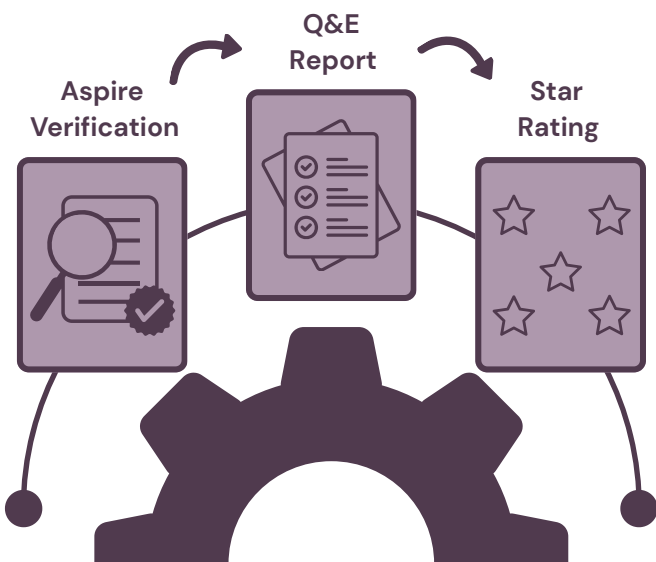
QUALITYstarsNY is New York’s statewide initiative to improve quality within early childhood programs.

- Uses Aspire data to evaluate how programs meet key Standards
- Offers coaching, training, and resources based on those evaluations
- Assigns Star Ratings based on how well programs meet the Standards

When programs upload complete staff records to Aspire:

- Aspire verifies documents for specific Standards
- This data flows into a Qualifications & Experience (Q&E) Report
- That report directly impacts the program's points and rating

Cycle for Quality Improvement



Among the many Standards that make up QUALITYstarsNY’s rating system, those related to Qualifications, Experience, and Training are verified and housed in the Aspire Registry. These verified data provide reliable insight into how programs improve and strengthen their quality over time (programs are rated every 3 years).

Center-Based Standards in Aspire

Qualifications & Experience

Multiple standards for:

- Administrator education level, certifications, credentials, & years of experience
- Teaching Staff education level, certifications, credentials, & years of experience
- Program’s teaching staff retention rates

Training Standards

CE 1 – Environment Rating Scale

COA 8 – Child Observation & Assessment

CPI 6 – Curriculum, Planning, & Implementation

FIS 9 – Emergent Multilingual Learners

PH 6 – Obesity Prevention Program

Home-Based Standards in Aspire

Qualifications & Experience

Multiple standards for:

- Provider education level, certifications, credentials, & years of experience
- Assistant Provider education level, certifications, credentials, & years of experience
- Provider retention rates

Training Standards

HE 1 – Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale

COA 6 – Child Observation & Assessment

CPI 6 – Curriculum Implementation

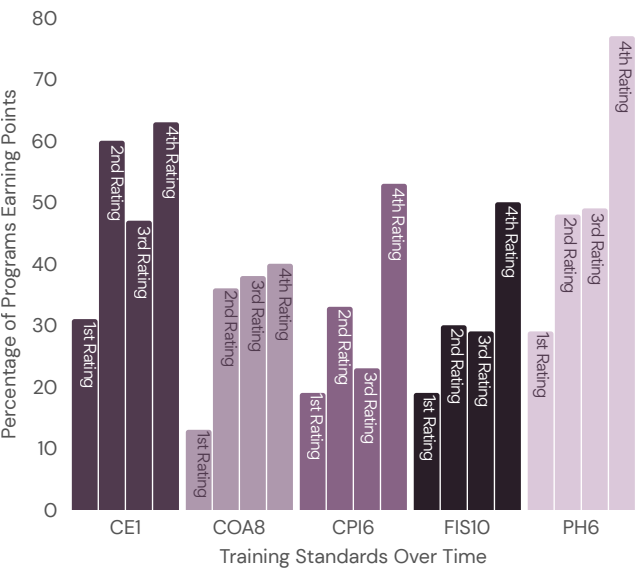
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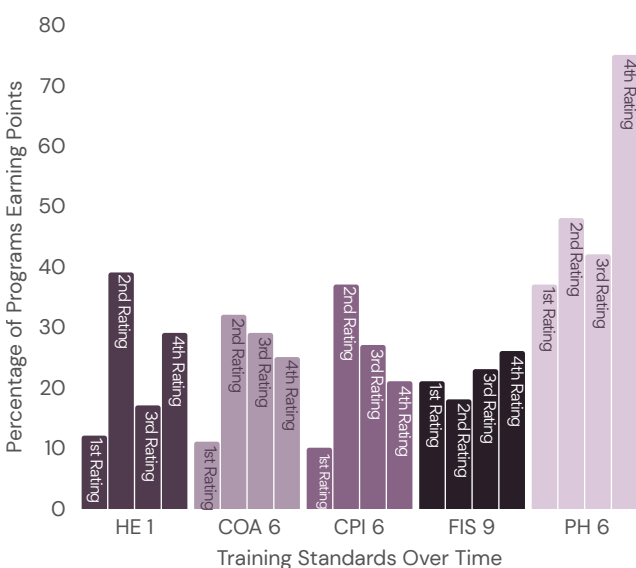
Aspire data shows center-based programs increased their Q&E points by an average of 68% between their first and fourth ratings, while home-based programs increased their Q&E points by an average of 133%.

These graphs show an overall increase of programs earning points for each Training Standard, with each bar representing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rating cycles.

Center-Based



Home-based



Aspire and Network for Youth Success

The Network for Youth Success manages the School-Age Care (SAC) Credential, which:

- Sets training and evaluation standards for afterschool professionals
- Ensures staff are equipped to provide high-quality care

Aspire tracks and verifies all coursework and training for the SAC credential.

**24 Aspire members with a
Current SAC Credential**

**18 trainers in Aspire providing
the SAC Credential prep course**

Aspire’s Role in High Quality Practice

In partnership with statewide initiatives, the Aspire Registry supports a coordinated system of quality for New York’s early childhood and school-age workforce. As a hub for verified workforce data and professional development access, Aspire connects educators, programs, and trainers to resources that strengthen quality across the state. Together, these collaborations advance a unified vision for excellence in care and learning.