

Safety and Security

All staff must meet the following Criteria:

- *Mandated Reporter Child Abuse Training every 5 years
- *PA State Police Clearance every 5 years
- *Child Abuse Clearance every 5 years
- *Fingerprinting Clearance every 5 years
- *National Sex Offender Registry Clearance every 5 years

The center also features a security system. All doors remain locked at all times when children are in attendance with cameras monitoring the doors. When enrolled in our center the parents will receive a key FOB that allows access to the center Monday-Friday 6 am to 6 pm. Any one visiting the center must be “buzzed in” and verified who they are before being admitted into the building.

Staff Must complete a minimum of 6 hours of continuing education credits a year that focus on social/emotional growth, inclusion, curriculum, physical growth, and developmentally appropriate practice.

Keystone STARS

Newport Assembly of God Childcare is a 3 STAR center.

Keystone STARS is Pennsylvania’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). A QRIS is a continuous quality improvement systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Keystone STARS is a program of Pennsylvania’s Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL).

Keystone STARS is a responsive system to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania. The system is guided by three core principles:

- A whole child approach to education is essential to meeting the holistic and individual needs of each and every child and family.
- Knowledgeable and responsive early care and education professionals are essential to the development of children and the support of families.
- Building and sustaining ongoing positive relationships among children, families, early care and education professionals and community stakeholders is essential for the growth and development of every child.

They believe inclusion, diversity, equity and respect are foundational values embedded in these principles.

This program goes above and beyond what the Department of Human Services regulations require. Being a part of this program gives Newport Assembly of God Child Care the support and help we need to continually improve not only our program but our staff as well. The center must get redesignated every year to maintain their STAR status and there is a lot of criteria that needs to be met. Some of this criteria includes:

- * Staff training and education
- * the classroom environment and materials
- * the curriculum
- * The leadership
- * the program as a whole