

Program Quality Improvement Training and Technical Assistance in Out-of-School Time

ACROSS NH provides the following trainings to programs to support quality improvement and the application to the Granite Steps for Quality. Email Cathy Hazelton at hazelton@acrossnh.org to request a training or technical assistance.

Granite Steps for Quality in OST: Where Do I Start?

This training is for out of school time (OST) programs, and early childhood programs with an OST component that are planning to apply for a Granite Step for Quality (GSQ). We will cover the necessary steps to apply for a Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ) Step. We will review the details of the GSQ OST Rubrics for steps 1-4. We will cover the pre-requisites needed, and the staff requirements & the learning environment requirements needed for applying for a step. Participants will receive a helpful self-paced checklist.

Granite Steps for Quality in OST: We're In, Now What?

This training is for out of school time (OST) programs, and early childhood programs with an OST component that have been awarded a Granite Step for Quality (GSQ). We will cover the necessary steps to apply for a Granite Steps for Quality (GSQ) Step. We will dive deeper into the details of the GSQ OST Rubrics for steps 3-4. We will cover the necessary steps for reporting, tracking, and submitting an invoice to receive your quarterly incentive funds. Other topics shared will include ideas for what to purchase with those incentive funds, important dates to remember, and ways to keep the momentum moving forward to achieve a higher GSQ step. This session will also have a question & answer opportunity, so bring your questions!

How to Apply for the Afterschool Credential

Are you thinking about applying for your afterschool credential? Is it time for you to renew? Come join this virtual information session and have all your questions answered. We will review the steps and documents needed for you to apply for your afterschool credential. Your education, experience, skills, and talents will be recognized through this system and your credential is good for 3 years. You will leave with a plan to take the next steps to earning your credential.

Introduction and Overview of ERS and SACERS-U

The Environment Rating Scales (ERS) are observational tools that assess process quality of child care programs. This virtual training provides an introduction and overview of the ERS and the School Age Care Environment Rating Scale-Updated version (SACERS-U). We will examine the benefits of using the tool and how to use the SACERS-U tool in an out-of-school time (OST) program. This training is intended for programs with school age children in OST. This training fulfills the necessary Granite Steps for Quality ERS Training requirement for the SACERS Learning Environment Standard Rubric.

Program Quality Improvement in OST with the SACERS-U ACTIVITIES or INTERACTIONS Subscale

Pre-requisite: Intro & Overview of ERS and SACERS-U Training. This session is designed to give out of school time staff the opportunity to take a deeper dive into the SACERS-U tool, with a focus of the Activities or Interactions subscale. Tips and strategies on program improvements to improve scores in this subscale will be shared. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about using the tool.



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