

SPARQS

System for Program Access to Resources for Quality Supports

Supporting a culture of quality throughout Vermont's early childhood education programs.



WHAT IS SPARQS?

SPARQS stands for System for Program Access to Resources for Quality Supports. SPARQS is funded by Vermont's Child Development Division (CDD) and administered by the Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VTAEYC).

SPARQS has three main components:

- Quality coaching and support services
- Program assessments for Vermont's revised STep Ahead Recognition System (STARS)
- Administration and support for Vermont's Early Childhood Networks (VECNs)

These components are designed to:

- Support continuous program quality improvement,
- Offer evidence-based, flexible, equitable resources to each program
- Support all programs in Vermont's mixed-delivery early childhood education system

COMPONENTS OF SPARQS

Quality Coaching & Support Services

A team of quality support specialists provides continuous support through:

- Self-directed program resources available through sharvts.org
- Direct technical assistance, consultation, and referral
- Training and updates
- Coaching and mentoring

Program Assessment for STARS

A team of trained, certified program assessors provides:

- CLASS assessments for early childhood education programs
- Referrals to Vermont Afterschool to complete afterschool program assessments

Vermont Early Childhood Networks

A dedicated Resource and Networks Manager provides:

- Financial management
- Administrative support
- Individual consultation services
- Customized resources and information



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vtaeyc.org/sparqs

