



Saucon Valley Community Center

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It's FOUR STARS for Saucon Valley Community Center!

(Hellertown, Pa.) The Saucon Valley Community Center's childcare and before and after school programs have been awarded the highest rating available through the prestigious Keystone STARS quality initiative program.

Achieving four out of four stars, the Center's childcare and school age programs were recognized by Keystone STARS for their commitment to improving the quality of early learning for children.

A continuous quality improvement program, Keystone STARS is part of the Early Learning Keys to Quality initiative, which was developed by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning to ensure that all Pennsylvania families have access to high-quality early childhood education and school age opportunities that foster children's success in school and life.

Participating organizations may earn a STAR 1 through STAR 4 rating based on nationally recognized standards for staff education and professional development, early learning environment, partnerships with family and community, and leadership and management.

"Keystone STARS is making it possible for us to improve the quality of the learning experience that children receive at the Saucon Valley Community Center. Because of Keystone STARS, we are able to attract child care teachers with higher qualifications and provide higher quality learning materials for the children." Said Erin Siegfried, co-director of the Saucon Valley Community Center.

For more information, call the Saucon Valley Community Center at 610-838-0722.

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About Saucon Valley Community Center

The Saucon Valley Community Center (SVCC) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify the needs of the community and service those needs through social and educational programs. Founded in 1971, the organization serves the borough of Hellertown, Pennsylvania and the surrounding municipalities. For more than 35 years, the childcare and early learning programs of the Saucon Valley Community Center have provided toddlers, preschoolers and school-age children with a safe, stimulating and creative learning environment. The professional staff, more than half of whom hold degrees in early childhood education, are dedicated to making each child's first experiences away from home positive and enriching. Licensed by the state, our childcare programs participate in the prestigious Keystone STARS Child Care Quality Initiative, which recognizes quality early learning facilities for their efforts toward continuous quality improvement. For information, call 610.838.0722 or visit www.svcommctr.org.

About Keystone STARS

Keystone STARS is part of the Early Learning Keys to Quality initiative, which was developed by the Office of Child Development and Early Learning to ensure that all Pennsylvania families have access to high-quality early childhood education and school age opportunities that foster children's success in school and life. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning was established in 2004 as part of the Departments of Public Welfare and Education to promote opportunities and improved educational outcomes for all Pennsylvania children. To view the STAR level of programs and review the Keystone STARS Performance Standards, please go to www.pakeys.org/stars. For more information on Keystone STARS, visit www.pakeys.org/stars.