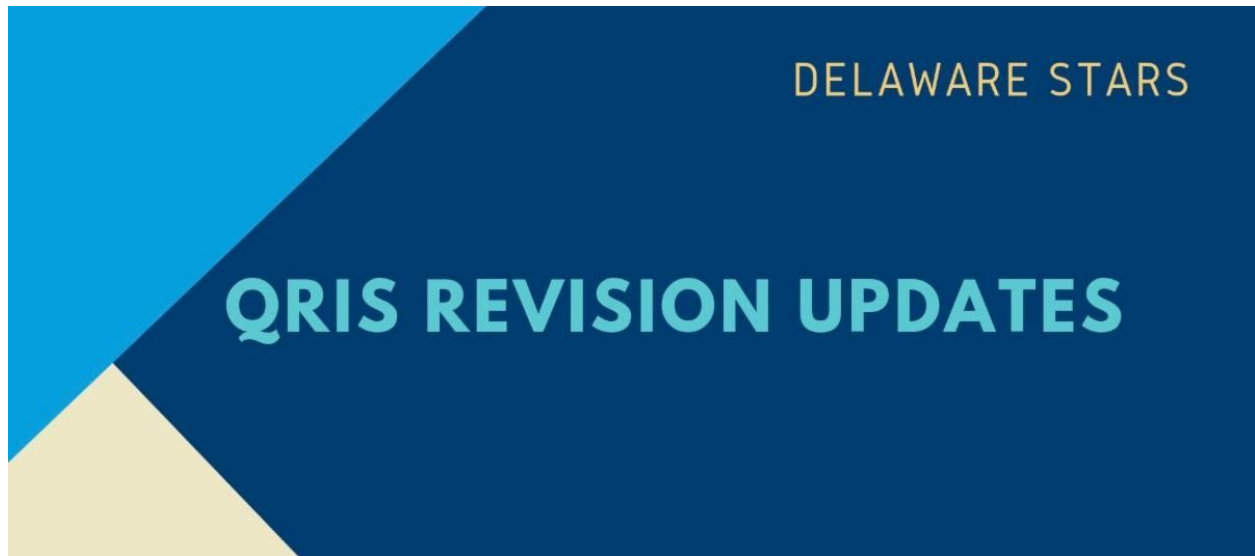




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This month, the OEL Team leading the Stars revision process enlisted the support of the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance (ECQA). Experts from this national technical assistance center will provide support with the initial review of current Stars standards through the creation of a matrix (to look at strengths/weaknesses, feasibility, and measurability of standards). They will help the team map standards to the new Stars structure.

ECQA will also help with the review of alternative tools to support process quality. This stream of work began in February with a Delaware-led meeting of Stars Technical Assistants and Assessors to discuss the ERS-R, ERS-3, and CLASS tools and their potential use in the revised Stars. The Stars Revision State Leadership Team also met this month to discuss the involvement of ECQA and will be actively collaborating with this group moving forward.