

Hamilton's Strategy to Promote & Support High Quality Early Learning and Child Care

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Step 1: Enrolled and preparing for RTB peer review.

Allow: 1-2 years

- Consultation with Raising the Bar Coordinator
- Site visits and third party consultation by ASCY, twice per year at minimum. Tools used: ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS, CIS
- Attend Supervisors' Network
- Review / revise policies and procedures
- Process concludes with a presentation to peer review committee.

Recommended Professional Development:

- First Aid & CPR**
- ECERS-R, ITERS-R
- Checklist for Quality Inclusive Education
- Food Handlers' Certification*
- "For Goodness Sake"

Step 2: Raising the Bar participant in good standing.

Allow: 1-2 years

Outcome of the RTB Peer Review process indicates all Bronze requirements have been met with no outstanding recommendations.

- Continue with Bronze Level standards and add Silver & Gold Level requirements.
- Site visits and third party consultation by ASCY once per year. Tools used: ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS, CIS
- Attend network meetings of your choice.
- Membership in a professional association (e.g. A.E.C.E.,O; CCCF, ADCO)

Suggested Professional Development:

- "For Goodness Sake"
- Early Literacy Checklist
- Interactions (Hanan, Reaching In Reaching Out, Virtues, Conflict Resolution)
- Visual strategies
- Curriculum-related workshops

Step 3: Raising the Bar

Gold level in a minimum of 2 of 3 categories is maintained.

- Submit RTB profile for peer review annually.
- Site visits and third-party consultation by ASCY once every three years. Tools used: ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS, CIS
- Consider taking part as a Peer Reviewer.
- Build relationships with community partners.
- Provide field placement opportunities for ECE students.

Suggested Professional Development:

- Mentoring (Partners In Quality, Partners In Practice)
- Ethics
- Family Engagement
- Other topics of interest

Step 4: Supporting & Sustaining Raising the Bar

Gold level in a minimum of 2 out of 3 categories has been maintained for 3 or more years.

- Site visits and third-party consultation by designate of RTB Committee or ASCY Consultant every five years. ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS and CIS used a randomly selected classroom.
- RTB Profile binder is reviewed on-site with the visiting Peer Reviewer / Consultant.
- Consider participation on a cross-sectoral committee (E.g. Neighbourhood Advisory Group)
- Consider leadership role in a professional association or network group.

Suggested Professional Development:

- Training for trainers in topics of interest.

* RTB participants must renew Food Handlers' Certificate training every five years.

** RTB participants must remain current in First Aid and CPR. Retraining is required every three years at minimum.