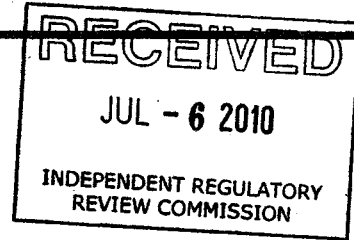


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I support the increase of training hours, if all centers are participating in Stars they are already fulfilling the training hours, and most of them go beyond the 24 hours required for a Star 4 center. Increasing the hours may get more centers that already do not participate in Stars to get on board. Running a quality center is a high priority in my life and that is why I have been involved since the piloting of it eight or so years ago. I believe all licensed centers should be required to be part of stars at the level one. The only downfall with stars is all the additional paper work that goes with it, even though I do most everything I fail to document it all, and that is a requirement of stars that it all be documented. If I could afford a secretary it would be a lot easier but I do it all. With the downfall of the economy two years ago I went in debt to stay alive and then I consolidated to make it easier once my contract was up on my one center. I am hoping to recover with the help of my Stars funding, and be around for at least another ten years.

I hope the training hours are increased, it would be beneficial for all children so they can have quality care in their lives.

Sincerely, Barb Gainer