

STARS CONTACTS

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Contact when unable to resolve issues at a lower level or for general over-all questions relating to the Child Care & Development Fund, Child and Adult Care Food Program, Head Start State Collaboration, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Montana Teen Parent Program, Best Beginnings Advisory Council, public/private partnerships, Legislative/EPP items, School Readiness, Career Development and Early Childhood Project Contract.

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Contact regarding Best Beginnings STARS to Quality field test, participants and assessors, Apprenticeship Program, Environmental Rating Scale training, Special needs and inclusion programs.

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Contact regarding early learning guidelines, CCR&R provider services, coaching, and other STARS infrastructure support, STAR kit, Certified Infant Toddler Caregiver Program, Certified Preschool Teacher Program.

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Contact for payment exceptions, budget issues, audit issues, mini grants, lost or undelivered checks or requests for warrants replacement for all ECSB contracts and services, accounts receivable, legislative data questions.

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Contact for issues regarding payments for all Child Care Unit Contracts, which include grants, CCR&R Contracts, MOST grants, inclusive child care, and budget modifications, RFP single point of contact and process questions.

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Contact for issues regarding LCP/LCI approval, merit pay processing, forms needs, website updates, and general administrative assistance.

Christy Hill Larson, Early Childhood Project

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Contact for questions regarding CSEFEL and cultural competency.

Ann Klaas, Early Childhood Project

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Contact for questions regarding ECP.

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Contact for questions regarding general health consultation and support, health inventory and checklists, Safe Sleep and Medication I & II trainings

Patty Butler, Early Childhood Consultant

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Contact for questions regarding PAS/BAS trainings.

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Contact for questions regarding licensing and Mandatory Reporting trainings.

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Contact for issues that are not resolved at a lower level concerning the CACFP.

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Contact for questions about the CACFP regarding sponsors, centers, and Head Start programs, gold systems, web claims.

Deby McNally, CACFP Program Specialist

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Contact for questions about the CACFP regarding sponsors, centers, and Head Start programs, special events, newsletter.

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Contact for questions about the CACFP regarding sponsors, centers, and Head Start programs, nutrition and training as it relates to CACFP.

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Contact regarding contract issues, payments, SPWA, pre-approvals, and general CACFP questions.

To contact your local CCR&R Coach, follow this link and click on your area for agency contact information:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/childcare/resourceandreferral/index.shtml>