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As part of the YoungStar program, participating child care programs can receive technical consultation. Owners, Directors, and Providers are sometimes challenged to come up with ways to use the time in a way that best meets their needs and is most advantageous. We have come up with a list of suggestions for programs to use the hours available to them. Please do not feel constrained by this list; there are other uses that are also acceptable. Talk with your technical consultant to determine how to best utilize their knowledge and skills to meet the needs of your program.

Uses of Technical Consultation Time:

- ✓ Room Arrangement
- ✓ How to invest in sturdy equipment to stand the test of time (durable, multiple uses, etc.)
- ✓ Family child care—setting up the environment
- ✓ Age appropriate furnishings and materials
- ✓ Setting up a rotation system for materials
- ✓ Creating or improving interest centers
- ✓ General classroom observations with feedback and resources
Environment Rating Scale observations and information using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-3), Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS-3), Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS-3), and School-Age Environment Rating Scale (SACERS)
- ✓ Talking with teachers about the YoungStar process
- ✓ Review, revision and updates to your parent and/or personnel handbook
- ✓ The budgeting process and sharing samples
- ✓ Setting up a parent bulletin board in the center
- ✓ Getting a parent advisory group started
- ✓ Finding opportunities for family involvement
- ✓ Creating take home activities (i.e. literacy bags, scavenger hunt bags)
- ✓ Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards information sharing and alignment
- ✓ Child portfolios
- ✓ The teaching cycle (Observe, Plan and Implement)
- ✓ Information about completing observations of the children in care
- ✓ Review lesson plans and sharing samples
- ✓ Information about assessment and screening tools
- ✓ Pyramid Model ideas and information sharing (social, emotional and behavioral support)
- ✓ Information about physical activity (indoor ideas, outdoor ideas, transitions, teacher-led)