

Professional Teaching Standards

STAR NET aligns professional development activities to the State-approved national standards for professional learning promulgated by Learning Forward (www.learningforward.org/standards/index.cfm). All trainings meet the professional development criteria for Illinois licensure renewal.

About Region VI and our Workshops

Region VI is funded through the Illinois State Board of Education in cooperation with Southwest Cooperative. One hundred percent of STAR NET's funding is from federal sources. Region VI includes South Suburban Cook County, Grundy, Will, Kankakee, Kendall and LaSalle counties.

Region VI's goal is to accommodate all professionals, support personnel, and administrators who work in early childhood special education programs, Preschool For All and Prevention Initiative programs located in our service area as well as parents/guardians who live in Region VI. There is no charge for STAR NET workshops.

Region VI conferences present a variety of current methodologies being used with young children. Participants should note that STAR NET does not endorse specific treatment/methods for children with special needs.

Who should attend Region VI workshops

Professionals, support personnel, and administrators who work in Early Childhood Special Education programs, Preschool for All and Prevention Initiative programs located in Region VI as well as parents/guardians who live in Region VI are the target audience. All others will be on a first come, first served basis.

Accessibility and comfort issues

STAR NET workshops are offered at accessible sites. Other accommodations for those wishing to attend will be made with 48 hours advance notice. For such arrangements, call STAR NET at 708-342-5370. Please note that staff cannot control the room temperature where workshops are held. Please dress accordingly.

Certificate of Participation and Continuing Education Credits

A STAR NET certificate of participation is given to those who attend the complete training. Hours cannot be adjusted to accommodate individual needs.

STAR NET is an approved sponsor/provider of continuing education for:

- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) – Professional Development Credit Hours (formerly CPDUs)
- Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation: Speech-Language Pathologists, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Social Workers
- Occasional workshops are offered for Early Intervention Credit. Check the EI website for further information (www.illinoiseitraining.org).
- Gateways to Opportunity Authorized Entity