

MATCH Professionals Fact Sheet

MATCH is an collective name and acronym for Mentoring, Advising, Teaching, Training, Coaching, Consulting, and Helping. As a MATCH professional, you provide individualized support to early childhood and afterschool professionals in Vermont. Your job may be:

- An educator providing behavioral coaching to an infant teacher
- A business expert providing budgeting skills to a director
- A professional providing guidance to family child care provider about applying for STARS
- A nurse providing health consultation to a site manager
- An experienced teacher in a public school mentoring a first year teacher
- A mental health consultant guiding a home visitor to work with both a family and child together
- A consultant helping a program director understand the Environmental Rating Scale or apply for STARS

What the MATCH Registry Can Do For You

We are building a searchable database of MATCH professionals through the new MATCH Registry, a data resource that lists qualified MATCH professionals. By participating in the Registry you'll stay connected to training opportunities and events, new information and updates to MATCH competencies. MATCH services can also earn points in a program's application for STARS (Step Ahead Recognition System).

Required Skills and Knowledge for MATCH Professionals

The MATCH Knowledge and Competencies define common skills and knowledge of MATCH professionals:

- 1 Standards, Resources and Systems:** Understand, use and share current information about standards, resources, and systems.
- 2 Ethical Guidelines and Professionalism:** Use the highest standards of professionalism and accountability to support the purpose and intention of the MATCH relationship.
- 3 Effective Communication:** Have a large tool box of effective communication practices and strategies and customize their use.
- 4 Relationship Building:** Recognize that relationships are critical to the learning process for both children and adults.
- 5 Facilitating Growth:** Support the process of growth and change by developing and using an action plan.