HARMS/CLIFFORD RATING SCALE
SELF-ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

- To fulfill the self-assessment requirement, STAR Applicants must submit completed expanded Rating Scale score sheets with verification that they have been trained to use the Harms/Clifford Rating Scale, when applying for a 2005-2006 STAR stipend.

- STAR Applicants must complete a self-assessment of their own classroom. Each applicant must complete his or her own assessment. A Director who does not have their own classroom, can choose a classroom in their center to assess.

- STAR Applicants must submit a copy of the expanded score sheet when they apply for their 05-06 stipend. Expanded score sheets are included with the STAR application. If you need additional score sheets or have questions, please call 805-739-8740 or go online to www.fpg.unc.edu or to the Office of Early Care and Education website.

- Two selected subscales (see below) of the Harms/Clifford score sheets must be complete including the "Average Scores" section at the end of each subscale.
    1) FDCRS – Space and Furnishing for care and learning & Basic Care
    2) ECERS/ITERS – Space and Furnishing & Personal Care ratings
    3) SACRS – Space and Furnishings & Health & Safety

  Applicants are to transfer the subscale scores to the STAR application section "Annual Participation Requirements"

- All indicators under the two selected subscales should be reviewed and scored.
    - Notes should also be included that indicate why the score was given

- Each applicant will complete a STAR Quality Improvement Plan form (enclosed with application) Or Environment Rating Scale Summary of Findings Form (Desired Result Form).
    - All items scored 4 or below must be included on the Form and action steps completed
    - And at least 2 other items with a score below 7 must be includes and action steps completed.

- The STAR Project can delay or deny a stipend if a self-assessment is incomplete or done incorrectly. The STAR Project may request applicants to correct or redo their self-assessment if necessary.

- Score sheets and plans must be submitted with your STAR application.