Coming November 2020!

My SPARK LEARNING LAB

Partner Engagement Webinar

Welcome & Agenda

- Introductions
- Why and Impact
- SPARK Learning Lab
- Indiana Self Assessment Tool (I-SAT)
- My SPARK Learning Lab Overview
- Communication Toolkit
- Next Steps

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Why and Impact

- Demonstrate and deliver breakthrough child outcome gains at significant scale
- Establish evidence-based and scalable training and technical assistance systems
- Deliver proven strategies that improve quality and drive continuous improvement

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SPARK Learning Lab Mission

Our mission is to bring a relentless focus on positive child and family outcomes to close the achievement gap and build a better future for children, families, and communities.

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SELF PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT RESOURCES KNOWLEDGE

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Indiana's technical assistance provider for early education and care programs

CONTENT

TRAINING

RESOURCES

LEARNING FORUMS

COACHING

I-SAT

TIER 2 & 3 SERVICES

HELP DESK

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My SPARK LEARNING LAB

Provides Hoosier early education and care programs the ability to:

- Complete the Indiana Self-Assessment Tool (I-SAT), a program-level assessment to help program leaders identify areas of growth and receive the support they need
- Access to our Knowledge Center which includes tools, templates, job aids and resources, and so much more
- Engage with the SPARK Learning Lab Support Team by chat, phone, or email

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INDIANA SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL (I-SAT)

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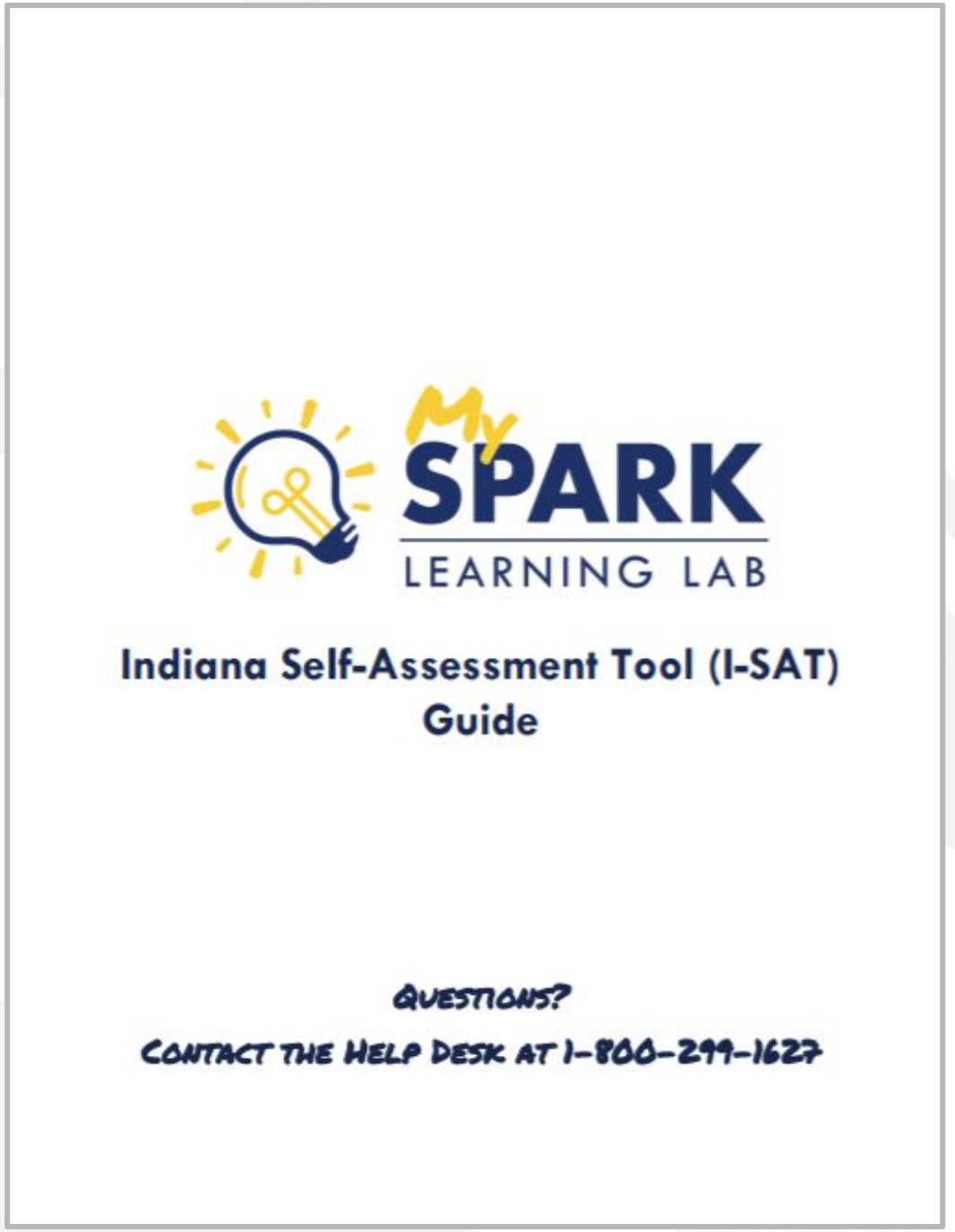
Indiana Self Assessment Tool (I-SAT)

- A tool that programs use to assess their own needs for TA support
- Results used by SPARK to help make decisions on providing supports
- Launched phase 1 in April 2020

I-SAT Guide

- Provides program leaders with a step-by-step process in preparation for, completion of, and submission of their program's I-SAT
- Includes a Glossary of Terms and frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding the I-SAT process
- Available in the Knowledge Center



What is the I-SAT?

- A program-level assessment for early childhood education and care programs in the state of Indiana.
- The I-SAT comprises seven (7) standards with a total of 50 quality items utilizing a rubric-based developmental continuum that offers a roadmap for advancing program quality from “Beginning” to “Excelling”.
- The I-SAT quality continuum includes specific behaviors, benchmarks, and ultimately a scope and sequence a program can utilize to create a plan to improve quality.

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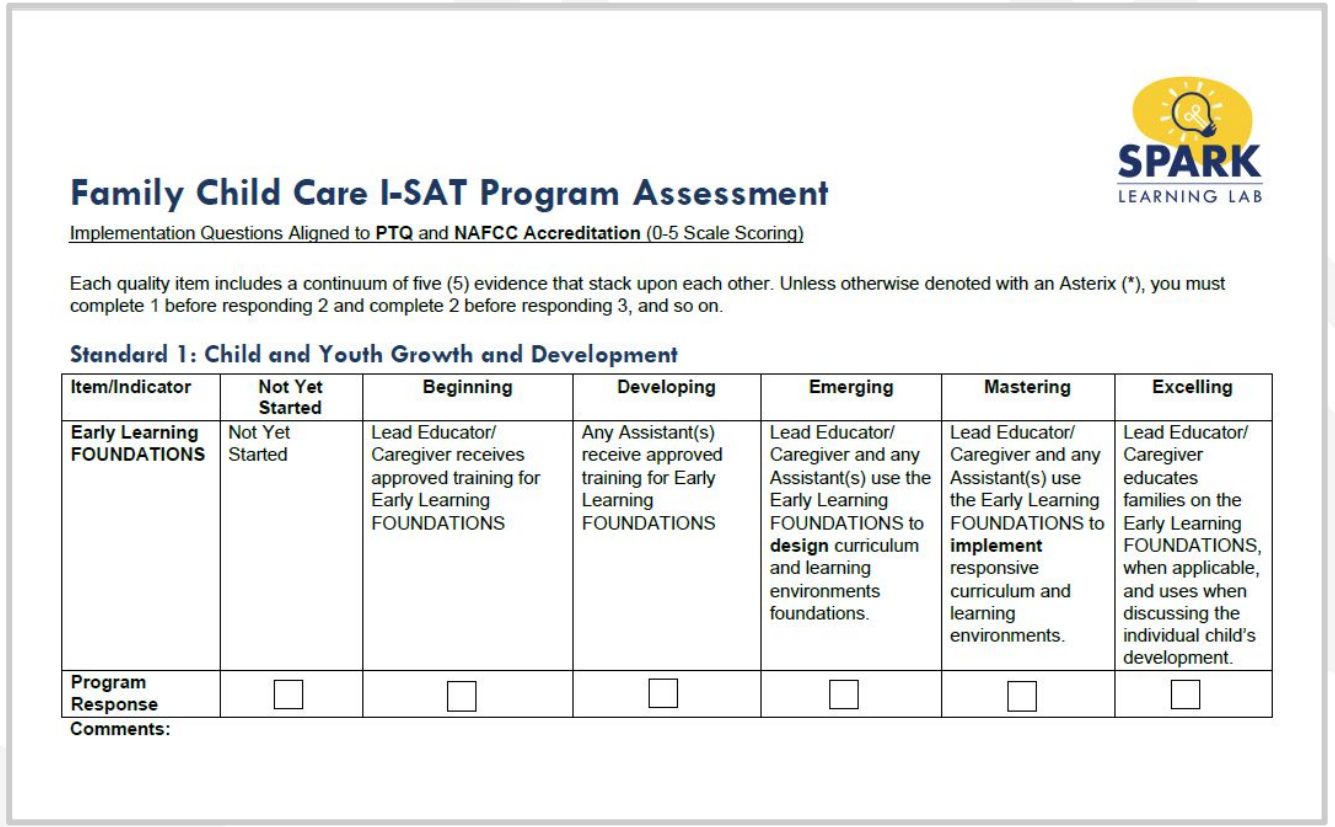
What is the I-SAT?

- There are four (4) versions of the I-SAT, one for each program type with questions tailored for each:
  - Center-Based
  - Family Child Care Homes
  - Ministries
  - School-Based

- **Printable I-SATs by Program Type available in Knowledge Center**



Family Child Care I-SAT Program Assessment

Implementation Questions Aligned to **PTQ** and **NAFCC Accreditation** (0-5 Scale Scoring)

Each quality item includes a continuum of five (5) evidence that stack upon each other. Unless otherwise denoted with an Asterix (*), you must complete 1 before responding 2 and complete 2 before responding 3, and so on.

Standard 1: Child and Youth Growth and Development

Item/Indicator	Not Yet Started	Beginning	Developing	Emerging	Mastering	Excelling
Early Learning FOUNDATIONS	Not Yet Started	Lead Educator/ Caregiver receives approved training for Early Learning FOUNDATIONS	Any Assistant(s) receive approved training for Early Learning FOUNDATIONS	Lead Educator/ Caregiver and any Assistant(s) use the Early Learning FOUNDATIONS to **design** curriculum and learning environments foundations.	Lead Educator/ Caregiver and any Assistant(s) use the Early Learning FOUNDATIONS to **implement** responsive curriculum and learning environments.	Lead Educator/ Caregiver educates families on the Early Learning FOUNDATIONS, when applicable, and uses when discussing the individual child's development.
Program Response	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Comments:

Who should complete the I-SAT?

- The I-SAT is designed to be completed by the leader or leaders of a program.
- SPARK follows up with the program leader to discuss results and create a customized support plan.

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How long does the I-SAT take?

- The I-SAT is customizable, allowing program leaders to assess using all seven (7) standards and 50 quality items or only those that are of greatest interest.
- Depending on how many quality items you want to use to assess your program, most programs complete the I-SAT in 30 minutes to an hour.

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How does the I-SAT work with other recognition programs, like Paths to QUALITY?

- The I-SAT is designed to support programs along their quality improvement journey, including participation in Paths to QUALITY.
- The I-SAT is NOT intended to replace the Paths to QUALITY standards.

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What happens after completion of the I-SAT?

- After completing the I-SAT, program leaders have the opportunity to reflect on the assessment data, identify relevant areas of development and access SPARK Learning Lab's Knowledge Center to assist the program in achieving quality improvement goals.
- Within a week of submitting the I-SAT, programs are contacted by SPARK Learning Lab to discuss and jointly agree upon an identified area of development.

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How often can the I-SAT be completed?

- The I-SAT can be used to assess an early childhood education and care program as often and as many times as the program leader(s) deem necessary.
- You choose which sections and quality items to complete.

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I-SAT Standards

- The I-SAT standards are directly aligned to **Indiana's Core Knowledge and Competencies** (CKC's) for Early Childhood, School-Age, and Youth Professionals.
- The seven CKCs make up the **seven program quality standards in the I-SAT.**

1. Child and Youth Growth and Development
2. Health, Safety and Nutrition
3. Observation and Assessment
4. Learning Environment and Curriculum
5. Family and Community Engagement
6. Leadership and Professionalism
7. Organizational Development and Administration

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I-SAT Quality Items & Continuum

- Each quality standard includes at least one to several quality items.
- Each quality item includes a continuum of five (5) benchmarks that stack upon each other, unless otherwise noted.
- Each quality item has a continuum of benchmarks grouped into five (5) categories: Beginning, Developing, Emerging, Mastering, or Excelling.

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Connection from SPARK (After I-SAT Completion)

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Next Steps After I-SAT Submission

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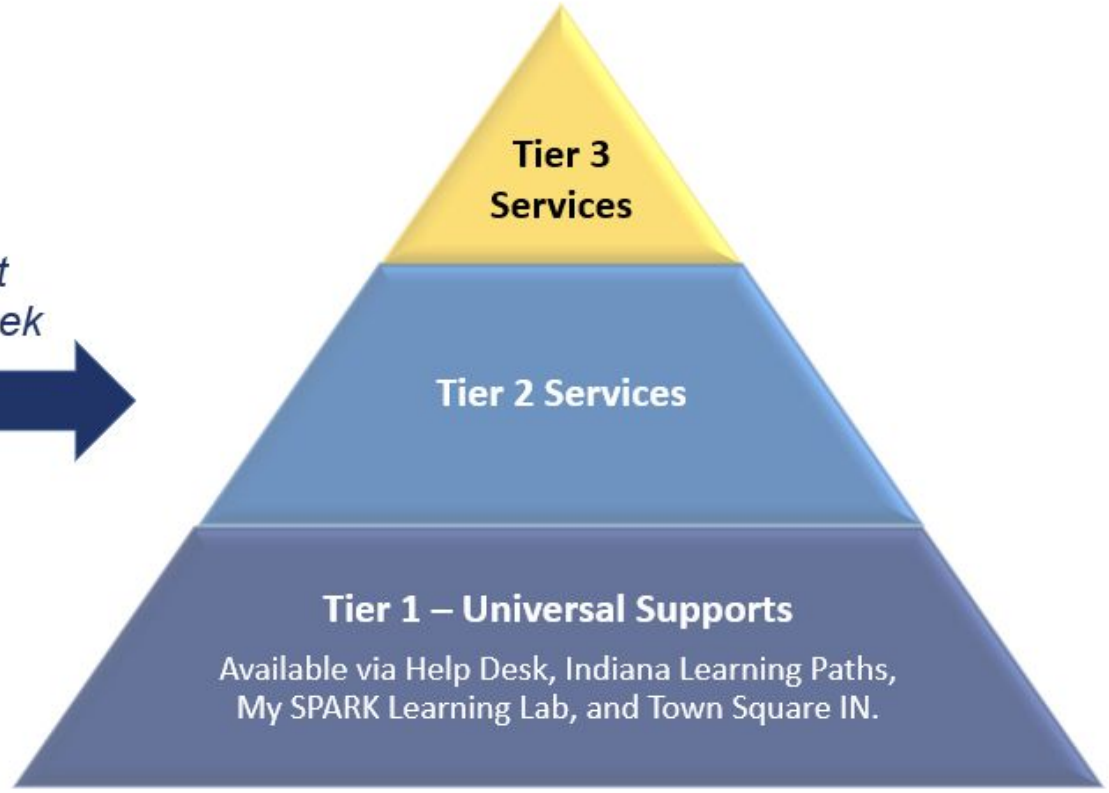
I-SAT Submission

Contact from SPARK Support Team within 1 week



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Connection from SPARK

- Attempt to contact by phone and email
- Discuss I-SAT responses and jointly agree upon an identified area of development
- When determined, the program leaders receive a curated set of Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 services to assist in their quality improvement journey
- One tier of service is assigned to a program that may inevitably incorporate multiple goals
- The determination of Tier of Services is part of the curated list provided by the SPARK Support Team to the program

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Questions?

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My SPARK Learning Lab Overview

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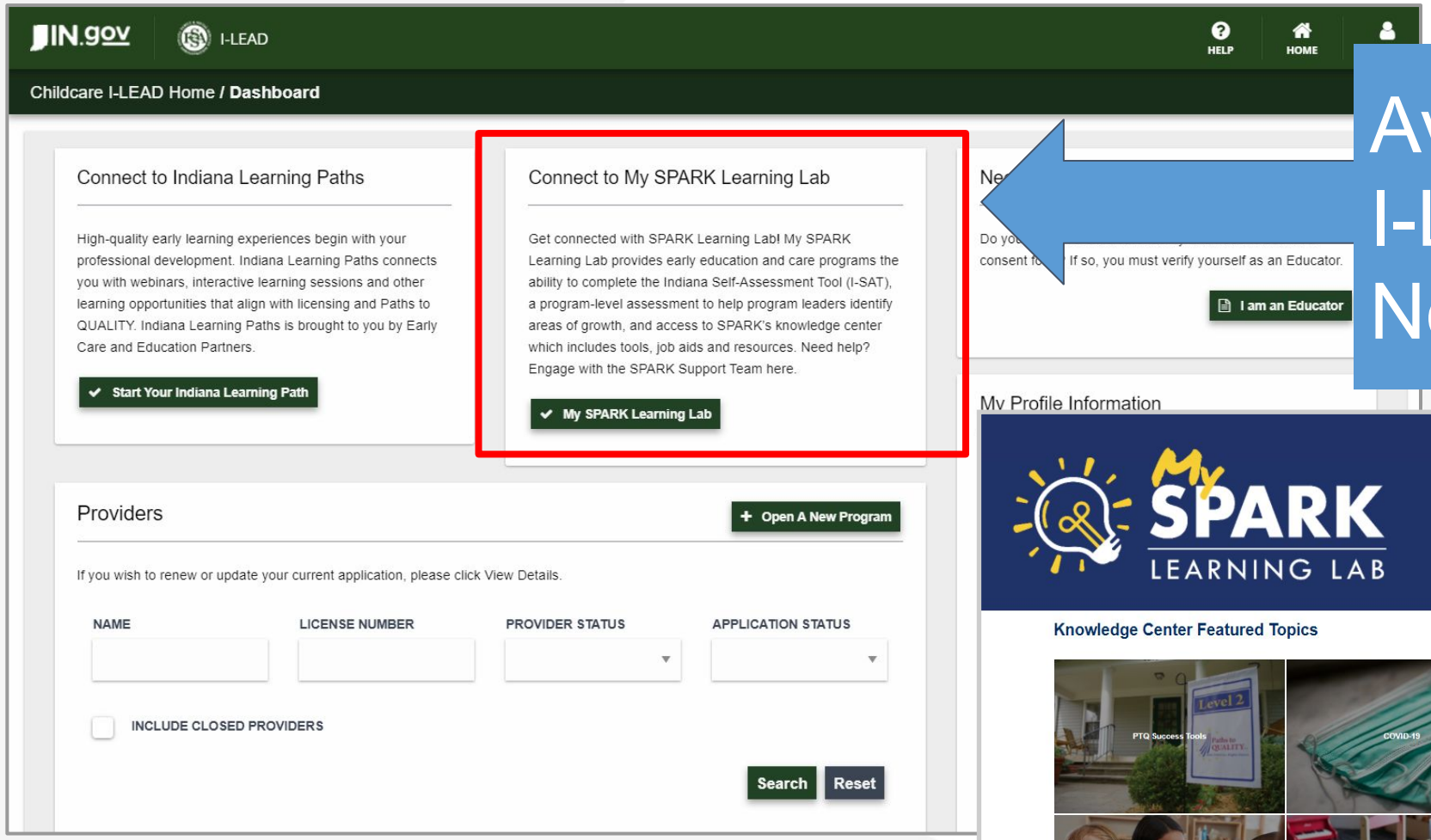
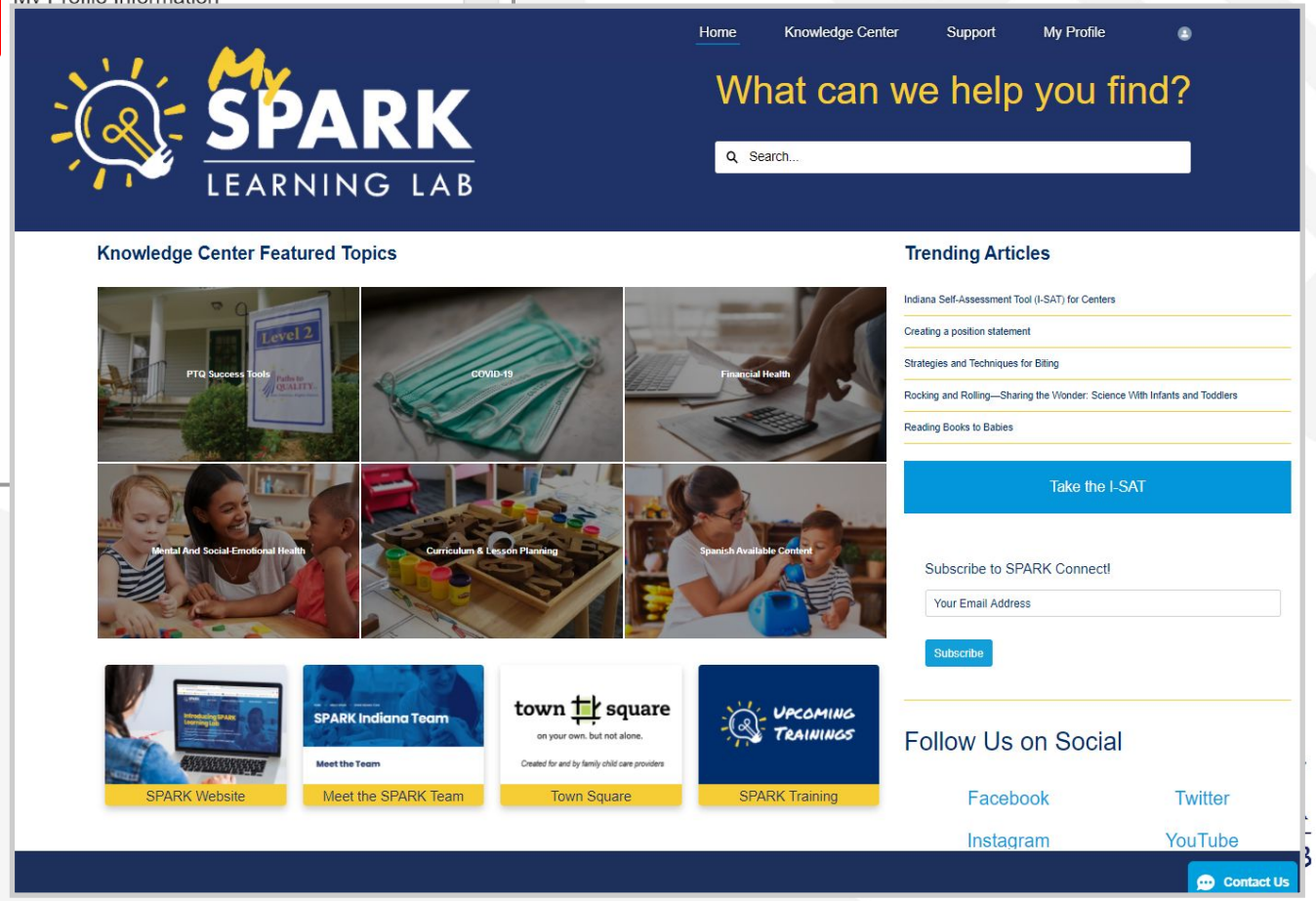
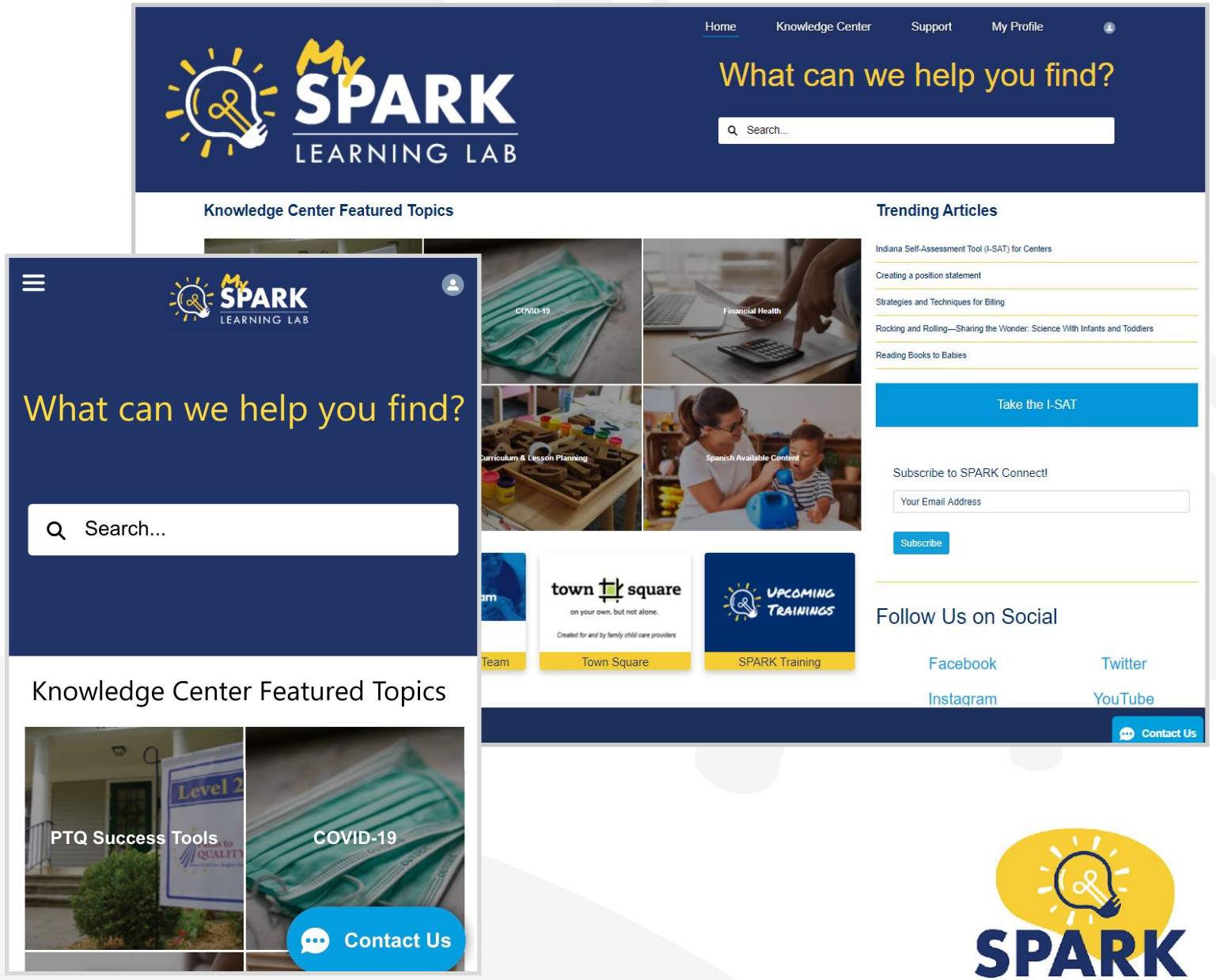


Available to all I-LEAD users on November 2



Home Page

- Get started with the I-SAT
- Browse Knowledge Center Featured Topic
- Search the Knowledge Center
- Connect with SPARK on Social Media
- Sign up for the SPARK Connect
- View Trending Articles
- Engage with the SPARK Support Team
- Access links to other SPARK supports
- Mobile-friendly



Take the I-SAT

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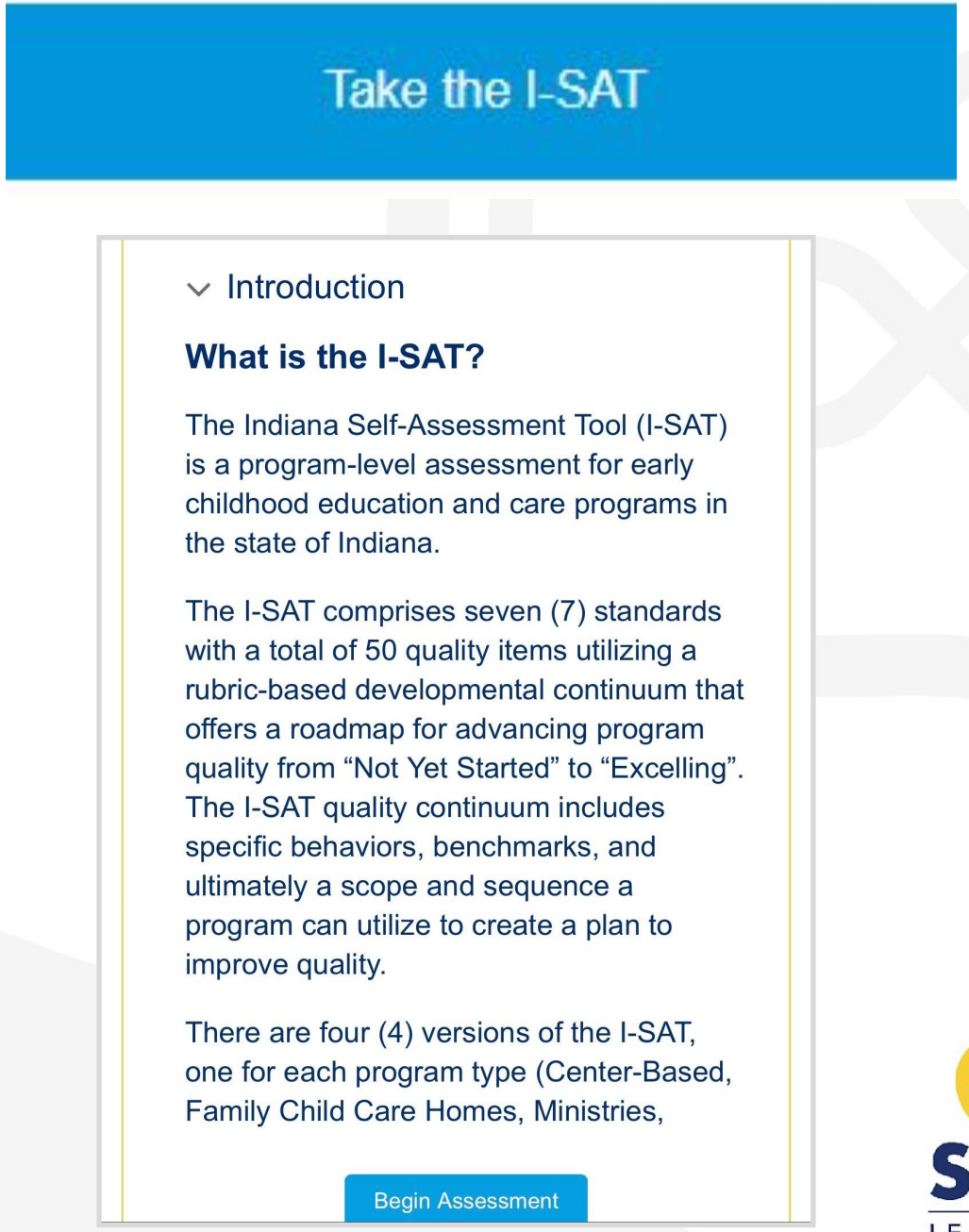
I-SAT

- Begin the I-SAT from the Home page or My Profile page
- My Profile page is encountered to collect details about program & selection of program type
- An introduction to the I-SAT is available to provide key details before getting started
- Links to Knowledge Center:
  - Full I-SAT Guide
  - Printable I-SATs by Care Type



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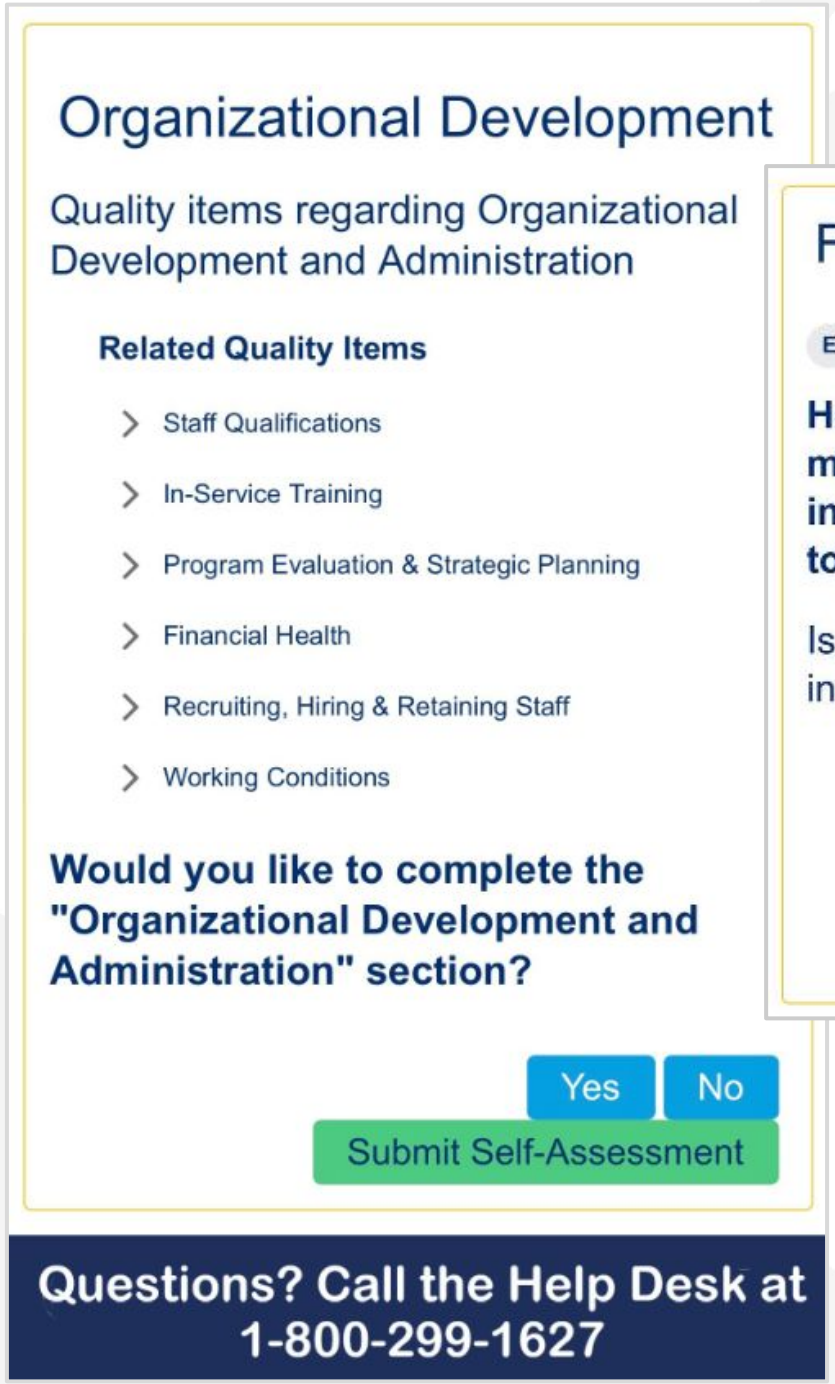
I-SAT

- You choose which sections and quality items to complete
- In this current phase, the I-SAT is intended to be completed in one sitting
- Selecting ‘Submit Self-Assessment’ sends responses to SPARK



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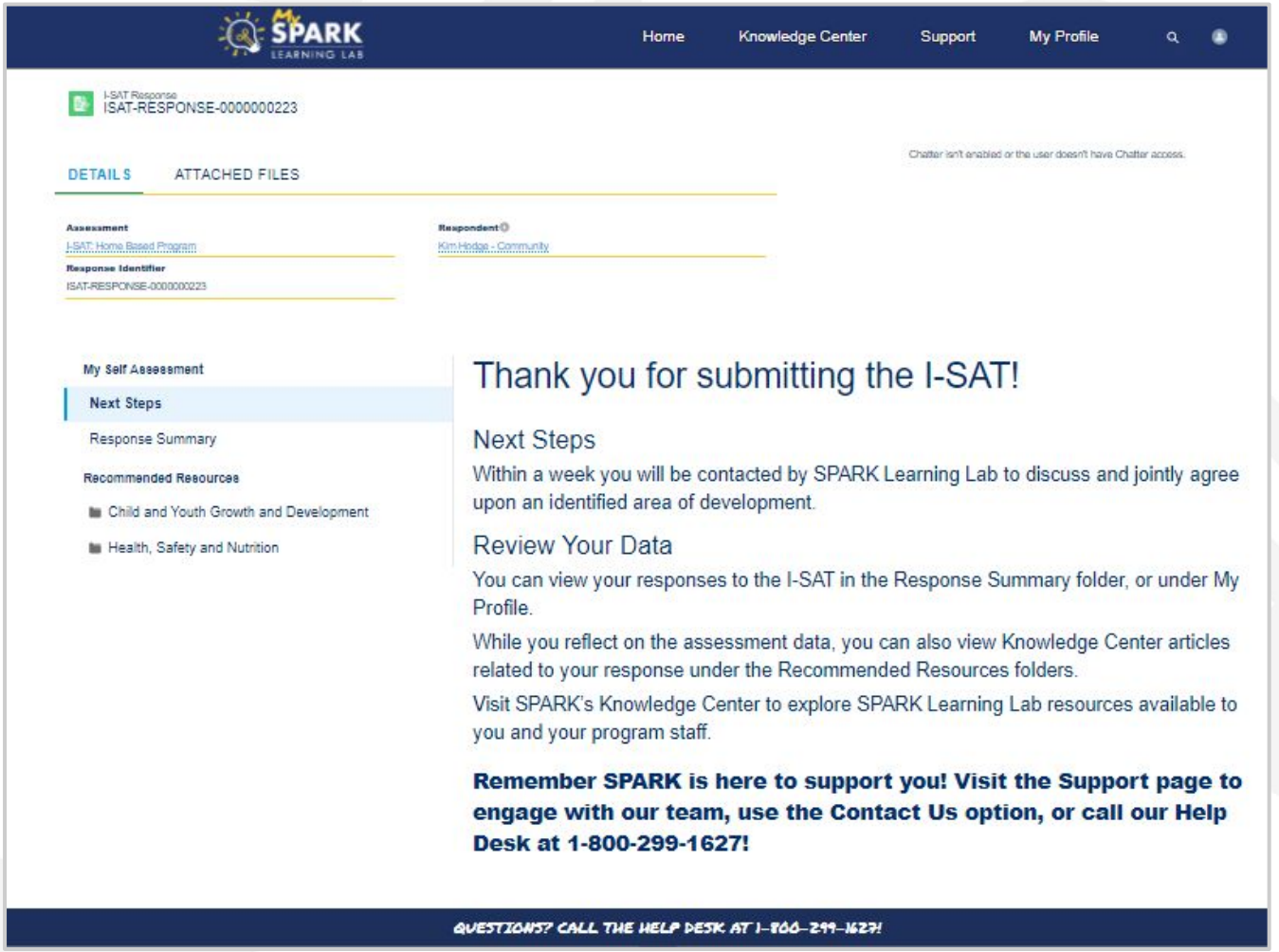
Next Steps

- I-SAT data is available under **Response Summary**
- Knowledge Center **Recommended Resources** connected to I-SAT responses
- SPARK will make contact within 5 business days to discuss the program's goals and customize a support plan



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I-SAT - Response Summary

Review a summary of your I-SAT submission under **Response Summary**

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I-SAT - Recommended Resources

View Knowledge Center articles that align to the I-SAT responses under **Recommended Resources**

Knowledge center

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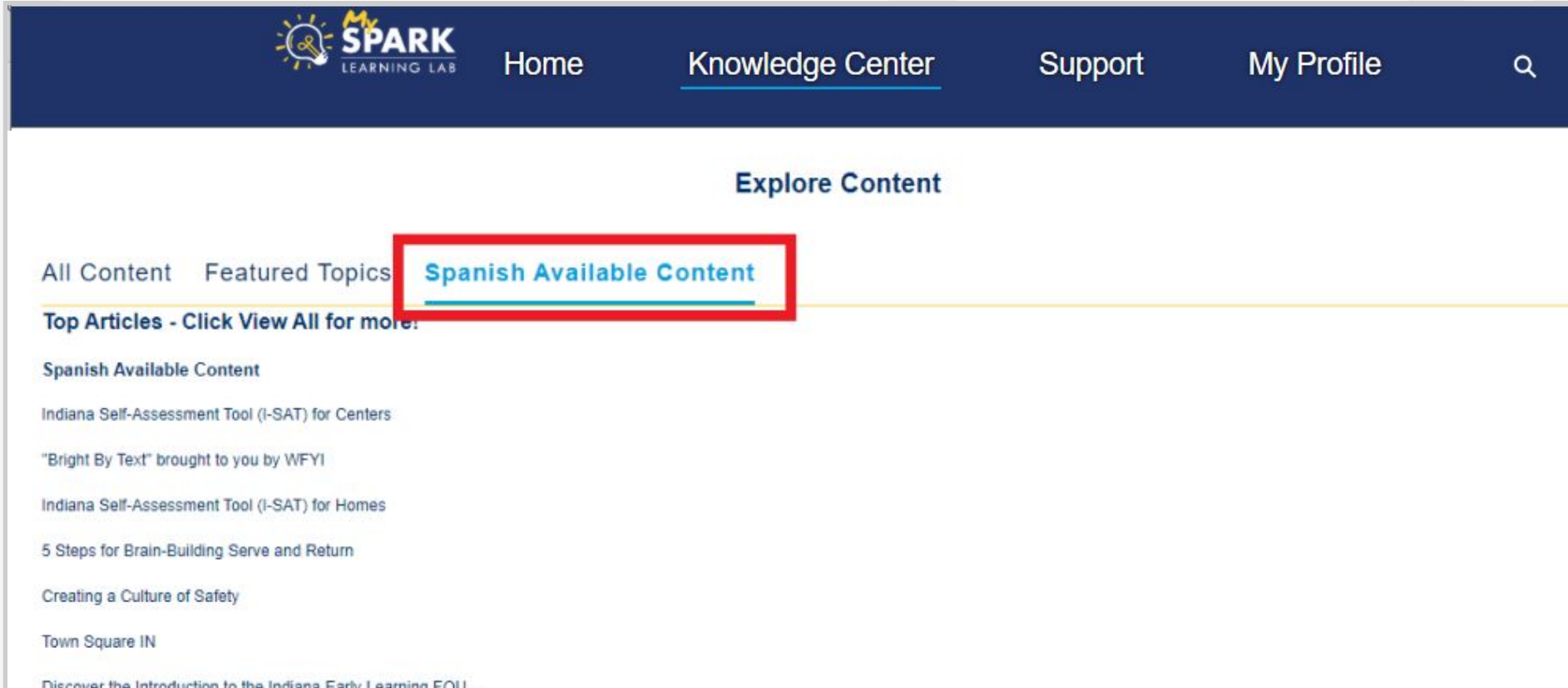
Knowledge Center

- Resources and training SPARK has developed or identified to support leaders and their program staff in their quality improvement journey
- Mapped to the I-SAT providing connection with key areas of focus

- **All Content** tab includes articles by CKC & I-SAT Quality Items
- **Featured Topics**
- **Spanish Available Content**



What's included in the Knowledge Center?

- **Resources**
  - PTQ Success Tools
  - I-SAT Guide
  - Printable I-SATs by Program Type
  - Recorded webinars
  - SPARK approved local, state and national websites
- **Support Articles**
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Helpful tips to navigate My SPARK Learning Lab
- **Training**
  - SPARK On-demand, Face to face, and Live Webinar
  - Partner offerings
  - *Available through Indiana Learning Paths*
- **Learning Forums**
  - Live Webinar, Face to face and Discussion Boards
  - *Available through Indiana Learning Paths*

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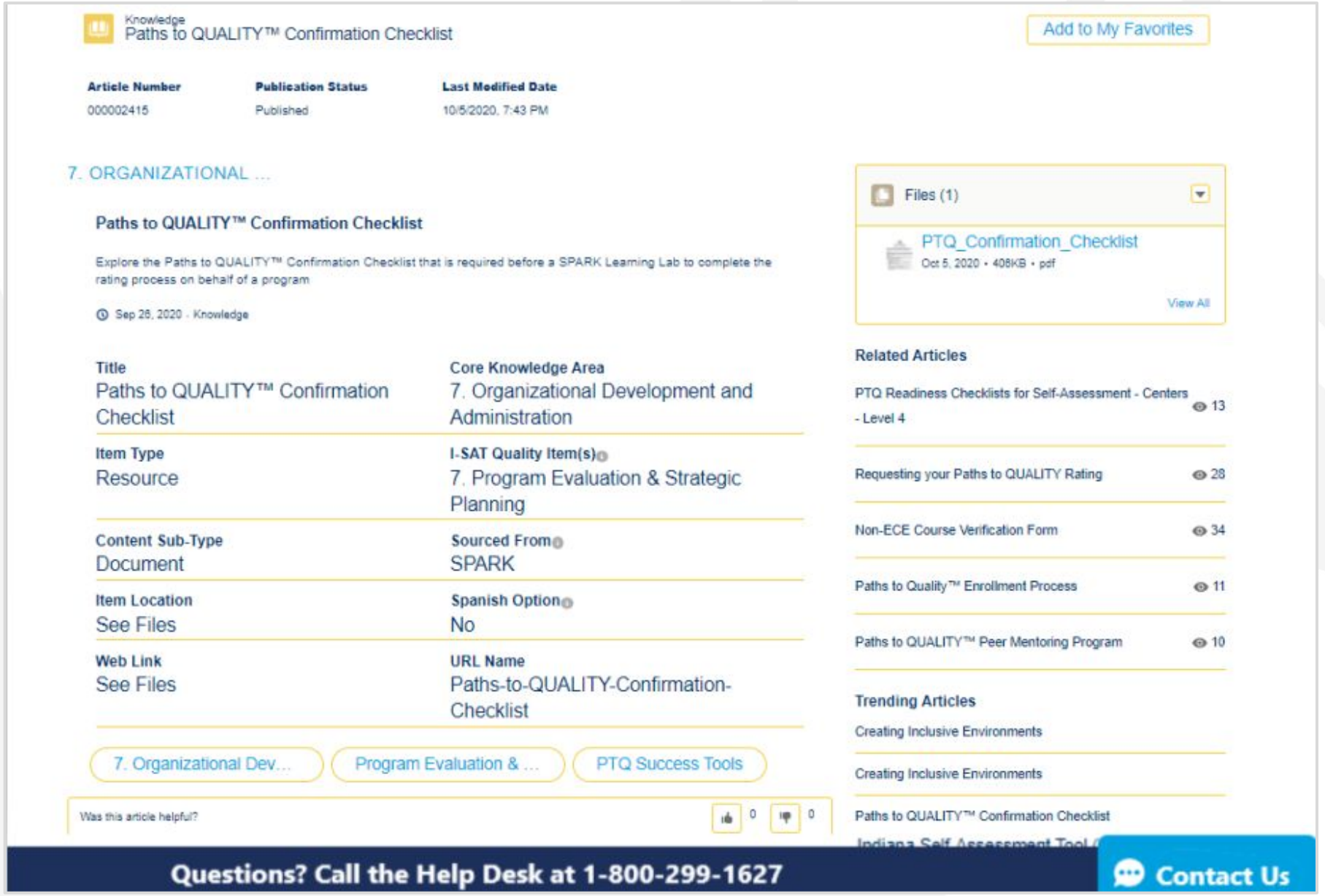
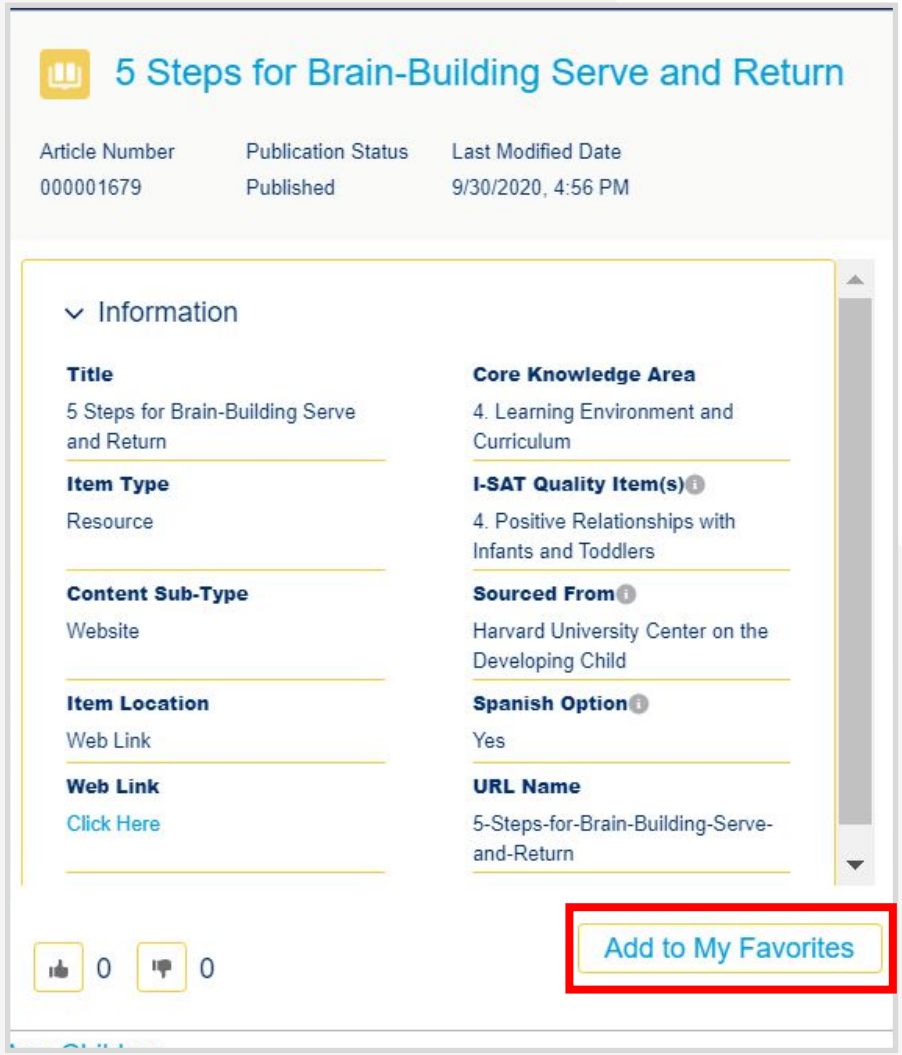
Knowledge Articles

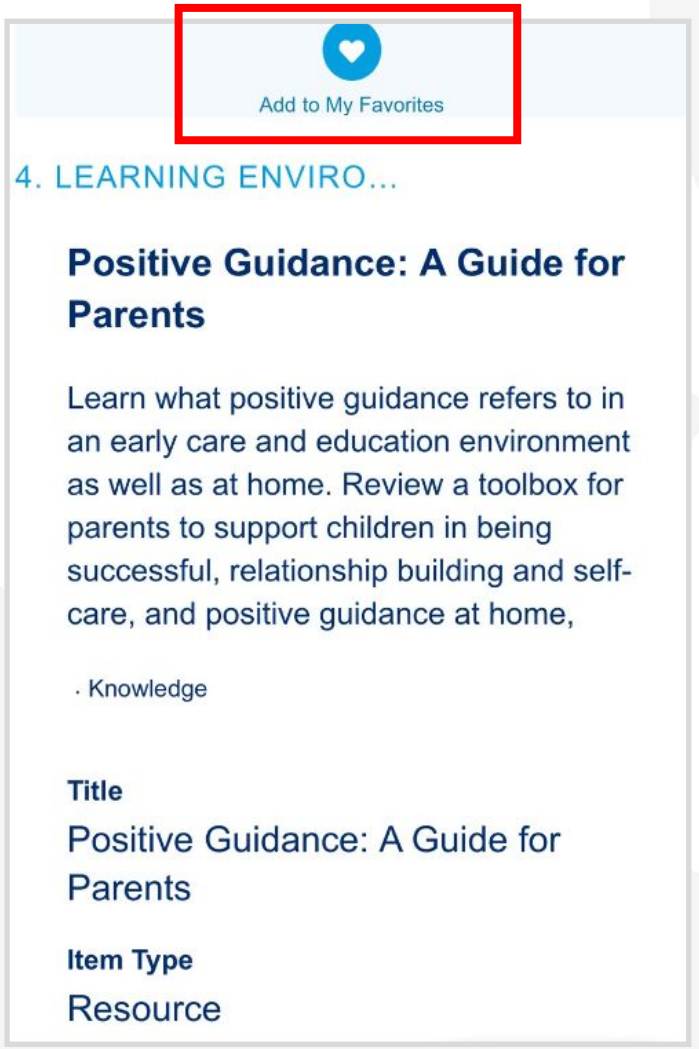
- Item & Content Type
- Item location
- CKC & Quality Indicator
- Source Organization
- Files
- Related Articles
- Add to My Favorites

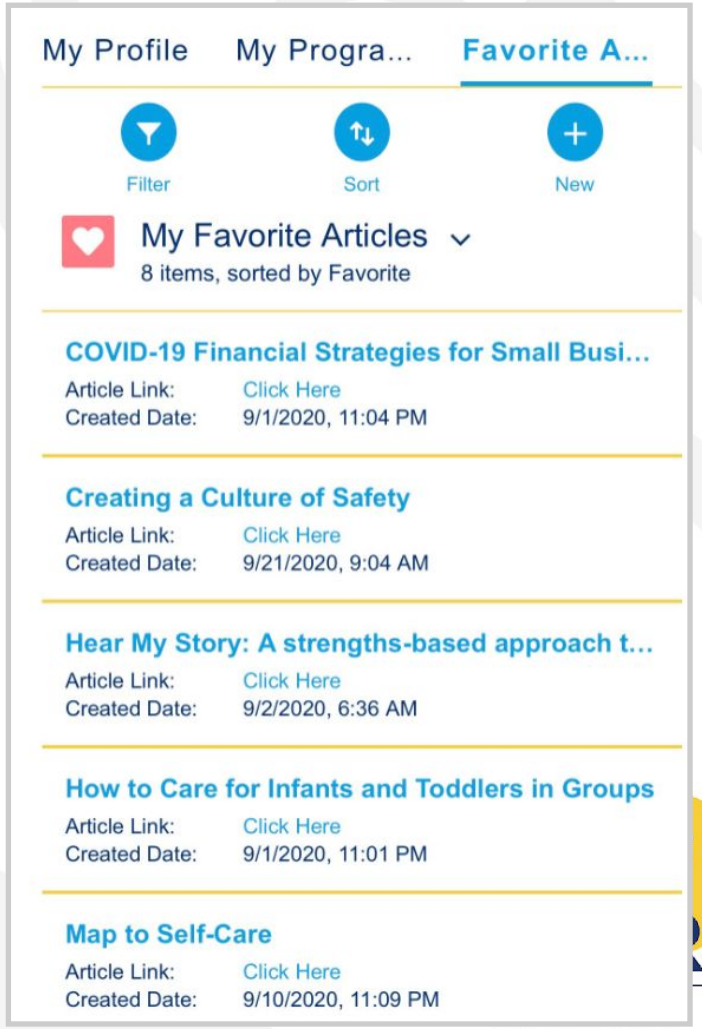


Favorite Articles

Save your favorites articles for easy access from the My Profile page

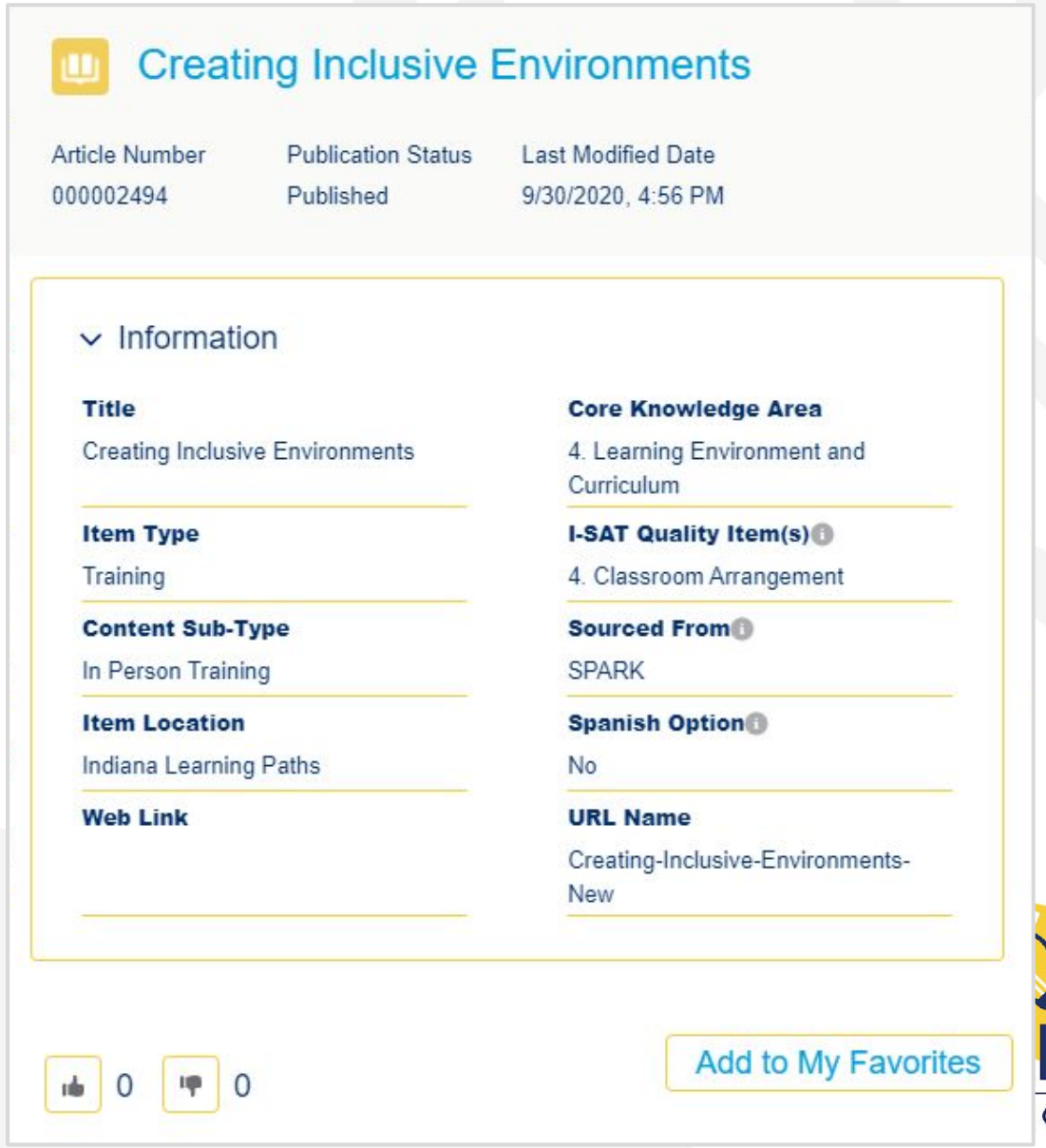






Training Articles

- Item Location provides guidance on where the course is available
- Sourced From indicates which partner or organization responsible for delivery & completion management



MY PROFILE

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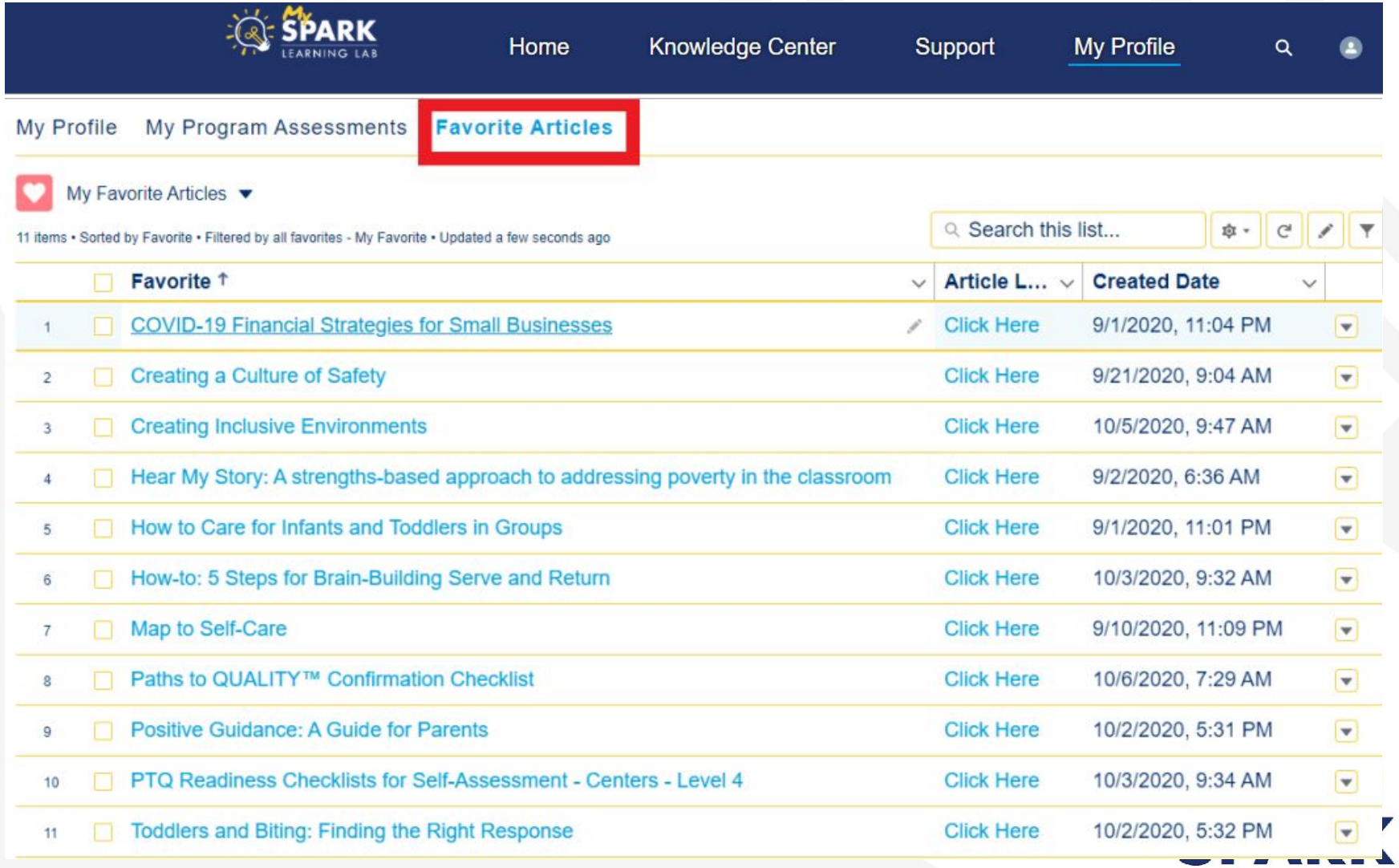
My Profile

- **My Profile** includes key details about the user and program
- **My Program Assessments**
- **Favorite Articles**



Support

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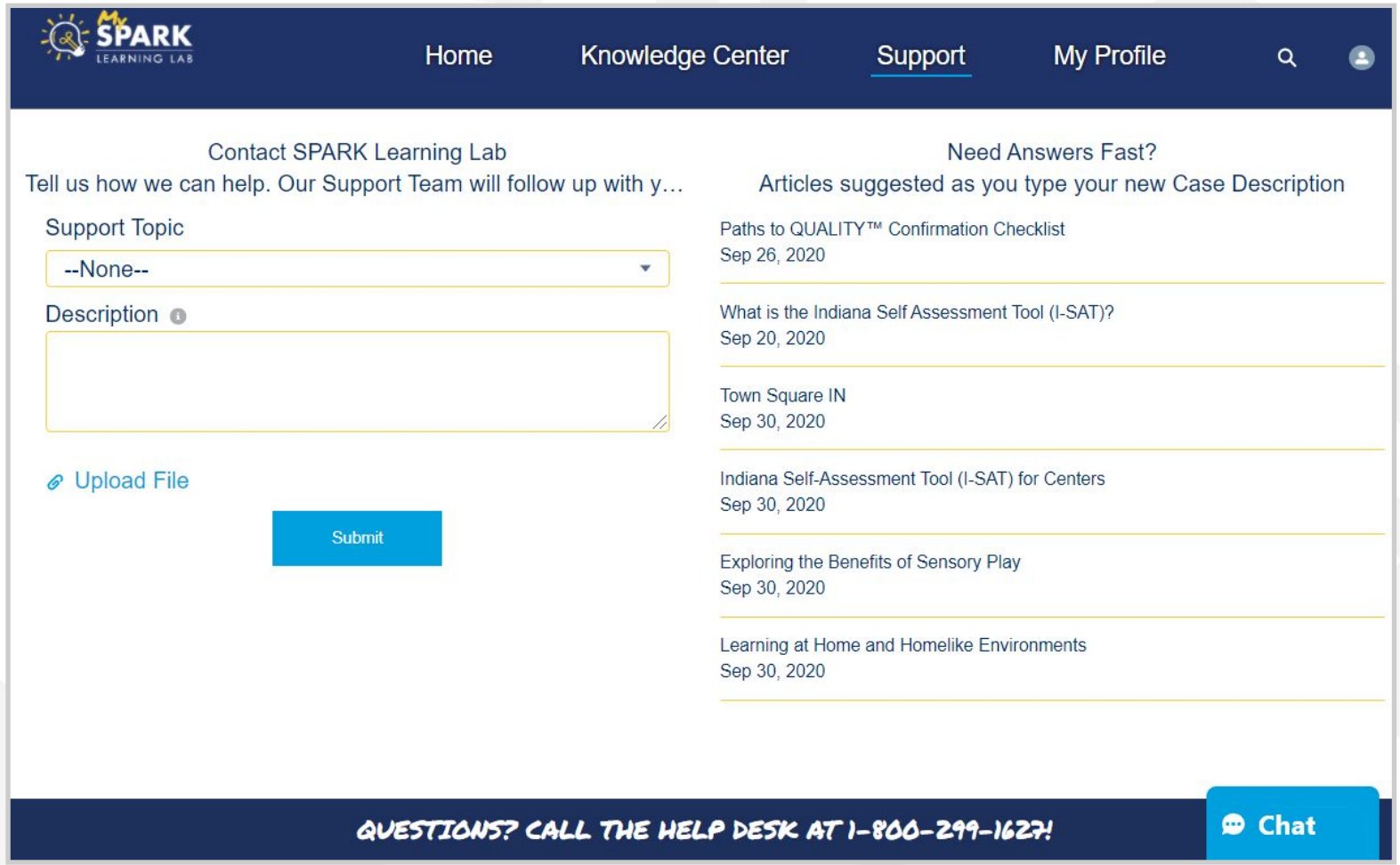
Support

- Submit a support request or view the status of a pending request
- Upload files & request your Paths to QUALITY rating
- Chat is available during Help Desk hours:
  - Monday - Friday 6 AM - 7 PM EST
  - Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM EST



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Questions?

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Communications toolkit

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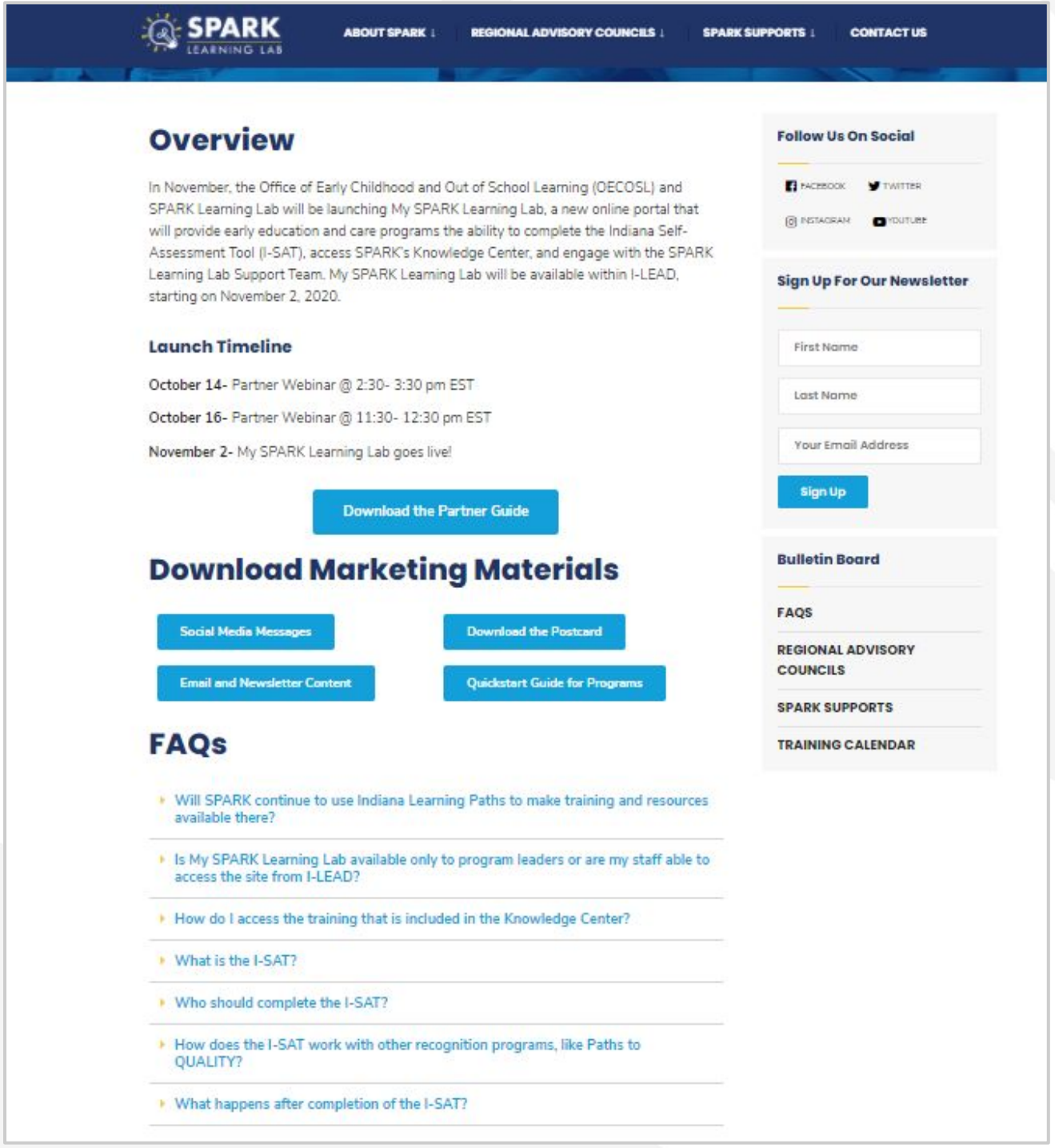
Partner Communication Toolkit

- Coming soon to our website!
- Quick Start Guides
- Social Media Content
- FAQs
- Provider Communication
- Recorded Webinar & Slide Deck



Next steps to launch

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Launch Timeline

Starting Sept. 21

My SPARK Learning Lab Coming Soon!

SPARK Connect

Granicus

Hoosier Child Care

Social Media Campaign

Oct.+

Oct. 19

Email and Post Card Mailed to all Program Leaders

2nd Email to Program Leaders; Email to all I-LEAD users

Oct.20

Oct. 26

Pre-launch email to Program leaders & partners

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Launch Timeline

Nov. 2

Post Launch email to Program Leaders & partners

Nov. +

“Welcome to My SPARK Learning Lab & I-SAT” Course via Indiana Learning Paths

On-going

Ongoing Communication w/ FAQs, new features, etc.

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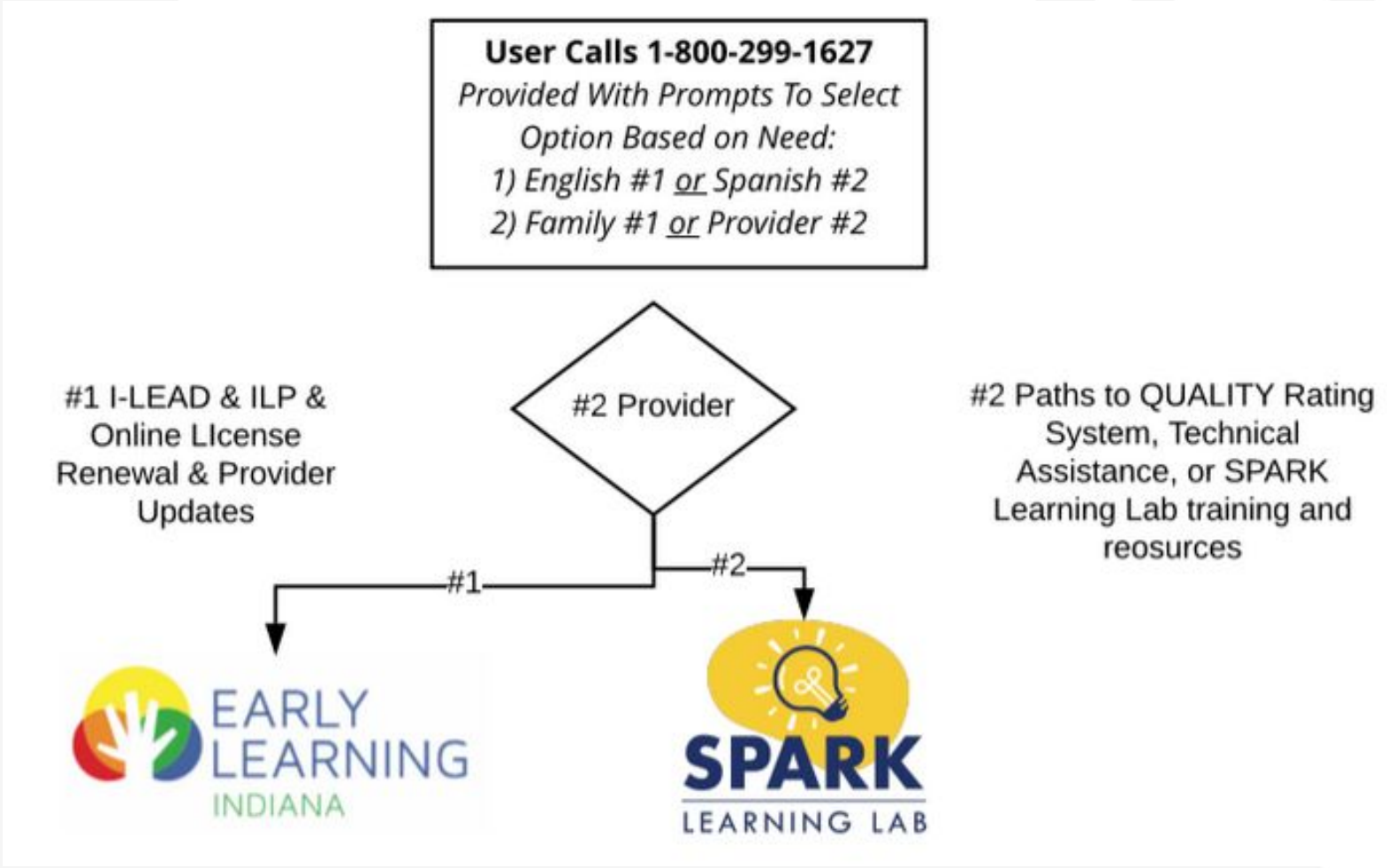
Shared phone number with ELI's Solution Center / Brighter Futures



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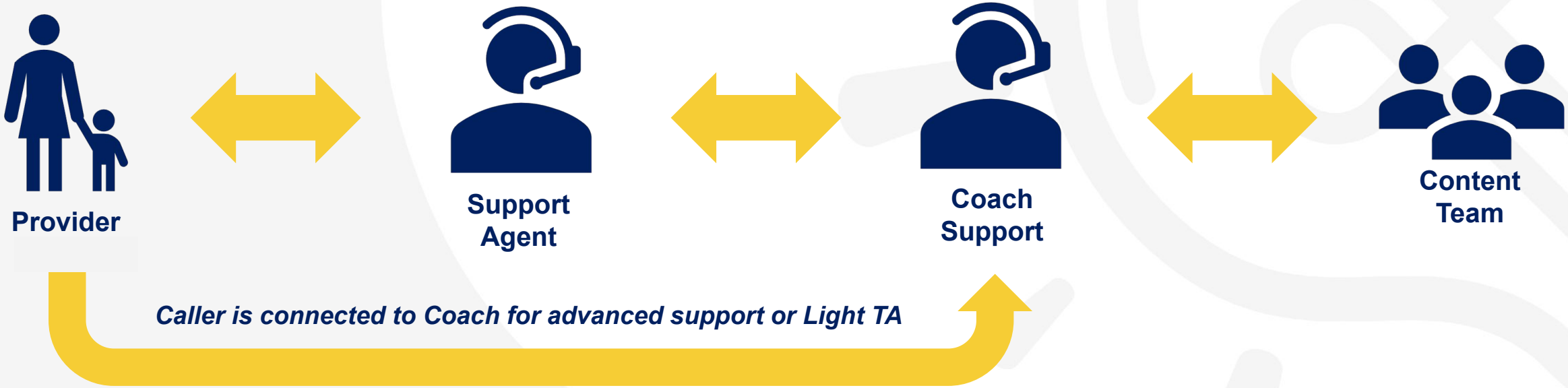
Help Desk Support Team



- Support Agents are available 6am - 7pm EST
- Direct Coach Support is available from 8am - 6pm EST
- Content Specialist team provides support directly to Coach
- Coach leverages Content knowledge in support to provider

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THANK YOU for joining us today!

Communications Toolkit will be available from our main website by Friday.

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