

“Quality Counts” in 20-21

Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care



Guidelines for **Family Child Care Providers**

- **Not Rated Sites** (If you are interested in being rated, ICES can provide you with more information.)

The “Quality Counts” Consortium welcomes your participation in our incentive program if you are a licensed Family Child Care Provider and you serve children birth up to Kindergarten age.

All Family Child Care Providers must fill out an application every year.

How to get started:

Complete the on-line application (link below). It will also be on the First 5 Tuolumne website. You can access this application with your computer, your phone or your tablet.

[**Apply Here**](#)

ICES staff will contact you regarding the next steps when application is received, including completing and returning a W-9 if needed.



SITE STIPEND OPORTUNITIES for Family Child Care Homes

This year, Family Child Care Providers will be able to earn **one stipend**. **ASQ-SE, College units, Coaching, Workshops, Podcasts, Articles, Web-based training** can be combined to earn maximum eligible stipend hours. We can only promise a total stipend of **\$750/small FCCH** and **\$1,000/large FCCH** for stipends earned in 20-21.

OPTIONS FOR STIPENDS:	Small FCCHS:	Large FCCHS:
AGES AND STAGES QUESTIONNAIRE (ASQ-SE)- 2x/year with parents of children ages Infant to Kindergarten entry and doing follow-up scoring and discussion	\$300	\$500
COLLEGE UNITS	1 UNIT= \$175 2 UNITS= \$350 3 UNITS= \$ 500	1 UNIT= \$175 2 UNITS= \$350 3 UNITS= \$ 500
ONLINE TRAININGS, COACHING (WITH BETH BARNETT, WORKSHOPS, PODCASTS, RESOURCE ARTICLES	\$25 PER HOUR	\$25 PER HOUR

ICES and TCSOS will provide you with suggestions for professional development (See electronic list of PD resources sent along with these guidelines). This link to resources will be added to or changed as needed to give you the most up to date information. When either of these agencies receive flyers or information about specific trainings coming up, they will be sent to you as well. Any training required by licensing is not eligible. The coaches will determine credit-able coaching hours. **You are responsible for uploading professional development hours and certificates/or reflections into the iPinwheel data system. Suzan Greenwood at ICES or Beth Barnett at TCSOS can help you with this if needed.**

Site responsibilities:

Family Child Care Homes:
1. The online application must be completed.
2. The Family Child Care Provider must work with ICES staff to agree on the site quality improvement activities over the course of the year. A Quality Improvement Plan for each Family Child Care Home is required to be input on iPinwheel and approved.
3. At year end, site stipends will be awarded based on completion of the Quality Improvement Plan.
4. In addition, all providers will be required to get a Workforce Registry number. ICES will provide assistance with this.

Timeline. The annual timeline for earning a Quality Counts stipend is from June 1st 2020 to May 31st 2021. If a Family Child Care Provider closes the business during the school year due to personal hardship circumstances, eligibility for receiving a stipend at year-end will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If a college course will be completed in June 2021, the Quality Counts program must be informed and the transcript must be posted as soon as possible.

Regarding W-9s: If you receive \$600 or more in a stipend, the County of Tuolumne must report this as income to the Internal Revenue Service, using the information provided on your W-9. This occurs during a calendar year.
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