

“Quality Counts” in 20-21 For Alternative/ Family Support Sites

- Home Visiting (ATCAA), Raising Healthy Families (ICES), Family Learning Center (ATCAA), Early Start (SELPA)
- Not Rated



Guidelines for Program Directors

Quality Counts – Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care

The “Quality Counts” Consortium welcomes your participation in our program.

Who is eligible:

- Sites that participated last year
- New sites that serve parents of young children ages birth to five that are willing to meet the requirements

All site directors must fill out an application every year. If the site is returning, less information will be required.

A link to the online application is provided below. The link will also be on the First 5 Tuolumne website.

[APPLY HERE](#)

SITE STIPEND REQUIREMENTS for Family Engagement Sites:

1. Application completed.
2. The site must work with a Quality Counts representative to agree on specific site-based quality improvement activities over the course of the year. For FY 20-21, this will be Beth Barnett. The Quality Improvement Plan will be input on iPinwheel and tracked during the year.
3. The Director will be required to provide information on staff names, and the demographics of children served at one point in time during the year.
4. At year end, site stipends will be awarded based on completion of Quality Improvement Plan.

To earn \$250 - Demonstrate Family Engagement

The annual site stipend of \$250 can be used for training or materials to support family engagement through training or materials. Funds should be applied toward strengthening capacity in evidence based or evidence informed strategies, such as the 5 Protective Factors,

CSEFEL, HOVRS, Screening/Assessment tools, Trauma Informed Practice, Nurturing Parenting, Equity, etc.

To earn \$500, complete an Annual Quality Improvement Plan, with a focus that includes 2 of the following 3 areas:

1. Family engagement;
 2. Adult-child interaction (teacher-child; parent-child);
 3. Developmental screening or assessment (e.g. Brigance, ASQ, etc.)
- **Staff working at these sites who are interested in individual stipends must go to the Individual Stipend Guidelines page and use the link to the application there. Please contact Suzan or Beth if you need assistance.**
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