

# “Quality Counts” in 2021/22

*Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care*



## **Family Child Care Providers- Site Stipend**

- **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 may only apply for the site stipend.**

[Apply Here](#)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2021**

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



### **SITE STIPEND OPTIONS for Family Child Care Homes**

This year, Family Child Care Providers will be able to earn **one stipend**. **Completing the ASQ-SE, earning college units, Teaching Pyramid coaching, attending workshops (certificate or reflection required), listening to podcasts (completed reflection required), reading articles (completed reflection required), attending web-based training (certificate or reflection required)** can be combined to earn maximum eligible stipend hours. We can only promise a total stipend of **\$750/small FCCH** and **\$1,200/large FCCH** for stipends earned in 21-22.

<b>Important Details:</b>	<b>Small FCCHS:</b>	<b>Large FCCHS:</b>
1. AGES AND STAGES QUESTIONNAIRE (ASQ-SE)- 2x/year with parents of children ages Infant to Kindergarten entry and doing follow-up scoring and discussion	This option alone= \$300 *You can earn up to \$750 by adding other	This option alone= \$300 *You can earn up to \$1200 by adding other PD

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2. COLLEGE UNITS	1 UNIT= \$175 2 UNITS= \$350 3 UNITS= \$750 *You can earn up to \$750 by combining PD options	1 UNIT= \$175 2 UNITS= \$350 3 UNITS= \$750 *You can earn up to \$1200 by combining PD options
3. ONLINE OR IN-PERSON TRAININGS, COACHING ( WITH BETH BARNETT), WORKSHOPS, PODCASTS, RESOURCE ARTICLES	\$25 PER HOUR-May combine w/options 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>30 hours</b> will earn you the max. \$750</li> </ul>	\$25 PER HOUR-May combine w/options 1 and 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>48 hours</b> will earn you the max. \$1200</li> </ul>

**\*\*Below is a link to a list of many early childhood education websites and information about trainings or conferences you may wish to use for earning your stipend hours. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Barnett [bbarnett@tcsos.us](mailto:bbarnett@tcsos.us) or Suzan Greenwood [suzang@icesagency.org](mailto:suzang@icesagency.org)**

**[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JKuUY5OWxcU2dXY4gPWdbWx\\_soyhhyXyoV16atbySMI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JKuUY5OWxcU2dXY4gPWdbWx_soyhhyXyoV16atbySMI/edit?usp=sharing)**

<b>Site Responsibilities:</b>
1. The online application must be completed. You must have a <b>W-9 on file</b> . If you have submitted one in the past, and your information has not changed, you <b>do not</b> have to resubmit. If you are new or have never participated in the stipend program, please submit one. Link to w9 form. <a href="https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf">https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf</a>
2. The Family Child Care Provider must work with ICES or TCSOS and agree on a site Quality Improvement Plan. Program goals and activities will be shared with the coach over the course of the year. The Quality Improvement Plan for each Family Child Care Home is required to be input on iPinwheel and approved (support provided by the coach).
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.

**ICES and TCSOS** will provide you with information and links to professional development opportunities. Any training/s required by licensing are not stipend eligible. The coaches will determine credit-able coaching hours. **You are responsible for uploading professional development hours, certificates/or reflections into the iPinwheel data system. Suzan Greenwood at ICES or Beth Barnett at TCSOS can help you with this as needed.**

**Timeline:** The annual timeline for earning a Quality Counts stipend is from **June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**. If a Family Child Care Provider closes the business during the school year due to personal 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, the Quality Counts program must be informed and the transcript must be posted by June 30th.

**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. Earning a stipend of \$500 will not trigger this reporting, unless you have earned other independent income from the County of Tuolumne.**

