

“Quality Counts” in 2021/22

Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care

Family Support Sites

Site Stipend

* Home Visiting (ATCAA), Raising Healthy Families (ICES), Family Learning Center (ATCAA),
Early Start (SELPA)

* Not Rated



Guidelines for Program Directors

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](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2021

\$500 SITE STIPEND REQUIREMENTS for Family Support Sites:

1. Application completed.
2. For staff to get an individual stipend, 51% of the site staff are required to meet with a Quality Counts representative (Beth Barnett) and agree on a Quality Improvement Plan. The Quality Improvement Plan will be input on iPinwheel by Beth Barnett.
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 (this is done in the CDF Wizard in iPinwheel).

4. Demonstrate Family Engagement:

Stipends can be used 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 Teaching Pyramid, HOVRS, Screening/Assessment tools, Trauma Informed Practice, Nurturing Parenting, Equity, etc.

5. Complete the Annual Quality Improvement Plan, with a focus that includes 2 of the following 3 areas:

Family engagement;

Adult-child interaction (teacher-child; parent-child);

Developmental screening or assessment (e.g. Brigance, ASQ, etc.)

A \$500 Stipend will be awarded at year's end based on the completion of the Quality Improvement Plan

Timeline: All hours must be earned between **June 1st 2021 and May 31st 2022**

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 Beth if you need assistance.

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