

“Quality Counts” in 2021/22

Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care



Rated Child Care Center- Site Stipends

CSPP- Belleview, CCTR-Columbia College Child Care, Head Start, Early Head Start, and SELPA Structured Classrooms

Welcome Back! Below are the guidelines for rated sites to participate in Quality Counts in FY 20-21.

Who is Eligible:

- Sites that participated last year
- New sites that are licensed and willing to meet the requirements.

All sites 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.

[Click Here for Application](#) **APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2021**

REQUIREMENTS For Rated Sites:

1. An application must be completed.
2. A Quality Improvement Plan for each site is required to be input on iPinwheel and approved. * Either Beth Barnett (TCSOS), or Samantha White (ATCAA) will contact you to develop your plan. * 51% of your staff must attend the QIP meeting in order for your staff to earn an individual stipend, even if you do not plan to earn the site stipend.
3. Sites will be rated every 3-5 years using the QRIS matrix. Sites rated at 4 or 5 must be rated every 5 years, while sites rated at 3 or below must be rated every 3 years. The last rating was done in FY 18-19, therefore, unless there has been a significant change, the next rating will either be due in FY 21-22 or in FY 23-24, depending on the current rating. Sites that have never been rated have the option to do so this year. Whatever your most recent rating was will determine the stipend amount.
4. Hours completed as a staff can include a combination of: various staff trainings, staff coaching on Teaching Pyramid, or completing the ASQ-SE for all children in your programs (attend follow-up mtg. with a coach). Hours earned as a staff for the site stipend cannot be used towards an individual stipend.

****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 or Sam White.**

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JKuUY5OWxcU2dXY4gPWdbWx_soyhyXyoV16atbySMI/edit?usp=sharing

Timeline: All required hours must be completed between June 1st 2021 and May 31st 2022

Block Grants or Quality Improvement Site Stipends will be awarded contingent on the rating earned and evidence that the Quality Improvement Plan was completed. This amount will be determined annually, based on funding availability. The timeline for fund release will be June 2022 unless an agreement is reached between both parties to release the funds earlier.

Stipend Amounts for year 21/22:

Sites Rated at 4: \$3,000	SELPA sites rated at 4: \$3,000
Sites Rated at 3: \$2,000	SELPA sites rated at 3: \$2,000

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 or Sam if you need assistance.

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