

25/26 Quality Counts Site Stipend

Family Friend and Neighbor

Who is Eligible

Anyone caring for children, other than their own, ages 0-5.

How to Get Started

Complete the Online Application

[New Applicants Click Here to Apply](#)

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* Applicants must fill out an application every year to be eligible.

*Stipend amounts will be determined annually, based on funding availability. The timeline for stipend payments will be June 2026 unless an agreement is reached between both parties to release the funds earlier.

****Application Deadline: October 31, 2025**

Requirements

You may use any combination of the following professional development to earn the maximum stipend:

*Complete 20 hours of growth opportunities in any combination to earn the maximum stipend (\$500). Topics include knowledge of child development, health and safety, social-emotional development in young children, how reading, music, and movement encourage children's healthy growth – and more!

You will earn \$25 for each approved hour of participation. ICES will provide information regarding opportunities and activities to earn stipend-approved hours.

*Complete, in partnership with the child's parent, an Ages and Stages Questionnaire-Social/Emotional Development (ASQ- SE2) and/or ASQ-3. This easy-to-use tool helps caregivers and parents to see how children are developing by doing fun, simple activities. Do a short follow-up call or Zoom with a Quality Counts Representative to review the scores. Completing ASQ's once will earn you \$100. Completing it twice (4-6 months apart) will earn you an additional \$100. A link to the ASQ online is available at www.HelpMeGrowTuo.org

*Early Childhood College Units (must earn a "C" or better):

1 unit: **\$200**, 2 units: **\$300**, or complete 3 units for **\$500** (\$500 max)

The maximum stipend for any combination of the above options is **\$500**.

*You are responsible for uploading professional development hours, certificates/or reflections into the Hubbe data system.

Timeline: All required PD hours must be completed between July 1, 2025 through May 15, 2026

LINK TO ECE WEBSITES:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JKuUY5OWxcU2dXY4gPWdbWx_soyhhyXyoV16atbySMI/edit?usp=s_haring

LINK TO COACHING COMPANION VIDEO:

[Teacher Webinar](#)

LINKS TO ASQ ONLINE:

[ASQ ONLINE](#)

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Regarding Stipends and taxation: 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.

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