

26/27 Quality Counts

Individual Professional Development Stipend

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Who is Eligible

Private and publicly funded preschool staff, assistants for a Family Childcare Home, apprentices and student teachers who have earned a permit, Home Visitors, Family Advocates, Family Support Site staff, Program Managers/Directors who directly supervise staff members.

Teachers and instructional aides who:

- work directly with children from 0-5.
- work at a licensed or license-exempt child care center.
- work an average of 15 hours per week during the site's school/program year.

Complete the Online Application

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How to Get Started

[New Applicants Click Here to Apply Here](#) [Returning Applicants Click Here](#)

This application is for an **individual stipend**. Directors at the site may apply for a Site Stipend separately.

* All participants 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 2027.

****Application Deadline: October 31, 2026**

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

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- Requirements**
1. Early Childhood College Units (must earn a "C" or better):
1 unit: **\$200**, 2 units: **\$350**, or complete 3 units for **\$500** (\$500 max)
 2. Official Teaching Pyramid training with coaching: **\$500**.
 3. Professional Development linked to a Professional Growth Plan, such as :

General Teaching Pyramid coaching, Online Coaching Companion Cycles, attending workshops (certificate or reflection required) or attending web-based training (certificate or reflection required) **(\$25/hour)** 20 hours for full stipend amount.

*It is your responsibility to upload your Coaching and PD hours, certificates, and reflections into Hubbe. Site supervisors are responsible for assisting their staff with entering data in the Hubbe system. If you need assistance, please contact your supervisor.

The maximum stipend for 2026/2027 is **\$500**

Timeline: PD hours must be completed between July 1, 2026, and May 15, 2027

HOURS THAT ARE NOT STIPEND-ELIGIBLE:

- *Any hours during your employed working hours
- * Extra hours you may spend being observed by a coach, or coaching linked to regular workplace activities. The coaches will determine creditable coaching hours.
- * Any training that is required by Licensing, or your employer
- * Units and hours completed as part of the Apprenticeship program requirements at Columbia College

TRAINING THAT INCLUDES TRAVEL:

Trainings where travel out of county is involved, will be eligible as follows:

If the individual is attending outside of paid work hours, the hours for the training alone (not travel time) will be credited toward a stipend. (For example, a two-day training with 6 hours on Day 1 and 4 hours on Day 2 would earn 10 stipend hours). You must upload certificates to Hubbe.

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 \$599 or less will not trigger this reporting unless you have earned other independent income from the County of Tuolumne.

LINK TO ECE WEBSITES:

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

LINK TO COACHING COMPANION VIDEO:

Teacher Webinar

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SEED PADLET

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