

“Quality Counts” in 19-20

Guidelines for Family Child Care Providers



Quality Counts – Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care

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. A link to the online application will be emailed to you if you have participated last year. The link is listed below and will also be on the First 5 Tuolumne website. You can access this application with your computer, your phone or your tablet.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCSITE19-20>

ICES staff will contact you regarding next steps, including completion of a W-9 if needed.

SITE STIPEND OPORTUNITIES for Family Child Care Homes

The options, below, are for sites that are not rated. If you are interested in being rated, ICES will provide you with more information.

This year, Family Child Care Providers will be able to earn **one stipend**. 3 options will be available and can be combined to earn the maximum amount stated below:

Maximum stipend for 19-20	Small FCCHS: \$750	Large FCCHS; \$1,000
Using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) with parents of children ages up to K entry 2x/year and doing follow-up scoring and discussion	\$300	\$500
Health and Safety site improvements with ICES (if not completed prior)	\$300	\$500
College Units, in-person training, on-line training, and/or coaching with Beth Barnett	\$25 for each approved hour	\$25 for each approved hour

ICES will provide details once your application is received.



Adding up eligible education, training and coaching:

Units, coaching, workshops, and web-based training can be combined to earn additional hours for your stipend. We can only promise \$750/small FCCHs and \$1,000/large FCCHs for stipends earned in 19-20.

Units: 1 unit: \$150 2 units: \$300 3 units: \$500

Professional Development: \$25 for each approved eligible hour of training or coaching. ICES will provide you with suggestions for professional development. Any training required by licensing is not eligible. The coaches will determine credit-able coaching hours. All workshops and on-line training must be input on iPinwheel.

Site responsibilities:

FCCH sites that are not rated
1. The online application must be completed.
2. The Family Child Care Provider must work with ICES staff to agree on the site quality improvement activities over the course of the year. A Quality Improvement Plan for each Family Child Care Home is required to be input on iPinwheel and approved.
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.

Timeline. The annual timeline for earning a Quality Counts stipend is from June 1st 2019 to May 31st 2020. If a Family Child Care Provider closes the business during the school year due to personal hardship 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 2018, the Quality Counts program must be informed and the transcript must be posted as soon as possible.

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.