

# “Quality Counts” in 19-20 For Family Support Sites

## Guidelines for Program Directors

*Quality Counts – Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care*



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 sites and all individuals must fill out an application every year. If the site is returning, less information will be required. (There is a separate application and guidelines for those interested in individual stipends.)

A link to the online application will be emailed to you if you have participated last year. The link will also be on the First 5 Tuolumne website. It is provided, below.

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



### **SITE STIPEND REQUIREMENTS for family engagement sites:**

1. Application completed.
2. A Quality Improvement Plan for each site is required to be input on iPinwheel and approved. Help will be provided.
3. The site must work with a Quality Counts representative to agree on specific site-based quality improvement activities over the course of the year. For FY 19-20, this will be Sheila Kruse or Beth Barnett.
4. 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.
5. At year end, site stipends will be awarded based on completion of Quality Improvement Plan.

### **STEP 1 Sites with a Family Engagement Focus:**

#### **Requirements: Demonstrate Family Engagement**

The annual site stipend (\$250) can be used for training or materials 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, HOVRS, Screening/Assessment tools, Trauma Informed Practice, Nurturing Parenting, etc.

**STEP 2 Sites with a Family Engagement Focus:**

**Requirements: Annual Quality Improvement Plan, with a focus that includes all 3 areas:**

1. Family engagement;
2. Adult-child interaction (teacher-child; parent-child);
3. Developmental screening or assessment (e.g. Brigance, ASQ, etc.)

The annual site stipend (\$750) can be used for training or materials to support one or more of the focus areas. Funds should be applied toward strengthening capacity in evidence based or evidence informed strategies, such as the 5 Protective Factors, CSEFEL, HOVRS, Screening/Assessment tools, Trauma Informed Practice, Nurturing Parenting, etc.