

“Quality Counts” in 19-20 For Rated Sites

Guidelines for **Directors** of Child Care Centers

Quality Counts – Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care

Welcome Back! Below are the guidelines for rated sites to participate in Quality Counts in FY 19-20.

Who is eligible:

- Sites that participated last year
- New sites that are licensed and willing to meet the requirements and be rated on the QRIS matrix.

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 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, along with a QR code.

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



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. Help will be provided.
3. A site will be rated every 2 years using the QRIS matrix. All sites were rated in FY 18-19, therefore, unless there has been a significant change, the next rating will be in FY 20-21.

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 this will be June 2020 unless an agreement is reached between both parties to release the funds earlier.

At this point in time, we estimate the following stipends:

For sites rated at 4: \$4,000 per classroom

For sites rated at 3: \$3,400 per classroom

Thank you for your continued commitment to quality! If you have questions please contact Sheila Kruse at 209 588-8067 or sheilamkruse@gmail.com