

“Quality Counts”

For Family Child Care Providers

Guideline for 18-19



Quality Counts – Raising the Quality of Early Learning & Care

The “Quality Counts” Consortium in Tuolumne County is offering incentives for licensed Family Child Care Providers to participate in quality improvement activities this year. **Sites must serve children ages birth to Kindergarten entry.**

Who is eligible:

- Sites that participated last year
- New sites that are licensed and willing to meet the requirements

All Family Child Care Providers must fill out an application every year.

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 at the end of these guidelines.

SITE STIPEND REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

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:

Large Family Child Care Homes have the following options, which can be combined to earn up to \$1,000:

1. Health and Safety site improvements with ICES (if you did not do this last year): \$500

2. 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: \$500 (ICES will provide details)
3. Taking college units and/or participating in professional development activities, which include in- person training, on-line training, and coaching with Donna Meiss. The information must be input on iPinwheel. These can be done in combination with ASQ or Health and Safety or as the only choice. See section below for details.
4. For those sites earning \$1,000, the first \$250 earned must be put toward site improvements. The remainder can be used at the provider's discretion.

Small Family Child Care Homes have the following options, which can be combined to earn up to \$750:

1. Health and Safety site improvements with ICES (if you did not do this last year): \$300
2. 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 (ICES will provide details)
5. Taking college units and/or participating in professional development activities, which include in person training, on-line training, and coaching with Donna Meiss. The information must be input on iPinwheel. These can be done in combination with ASQ or Health and Safety or as the only choice. See section below for details.
3. For those sites earning \$750, the first \$200 earned must be put toward site improvements. The remainder can be used at the provider's discretion.

ICES will provide details once your application is received.

Education and Professional Development: This year, education & professional development hours can be combined with each other, or with the ASQ or Health and Safety options to earn the total stipend allowed (\$1,000 for large FCCH or \$750 for small FCCH.) Credit will only be given for professional development hours in groups of 2. All options can be combined in any fashion, but the limits of \$1,000 (for large FCCHs) and \$750 (for small FCCHs) will remain, even if hours or units exceed those amount.

The chart below can help you see the value of all the components, which can be combined.

ASQ or Health and Safety:		
\$500 for large FCCHs; \$300 for small FCCHs		
Units: Grade C or better, units directly linked to earning a permit or a degree in Early Childhood Development or a closely related field.		
1 unit	\$150	
2 units	\$300	
3 units	\$500	
Professional Development: includes workshops (in-person or on-line) and coaching with Donna Meiss.		
\$50 for every 2 hours earned, must be earned in combinations of 2.	\$50 / 2 hrs	\$350/ 14 hrs
	\$100/ 4 hrs	\$400/ 16 hrs
	\$150/ 6 hrs	\$450/ 18 hrs
	\$200/ 8 hrs	\$500/ 20 hrs
	\$250/ 10 hrs	And so on....
	\$300/ 12 hrs	

There are new eligibility requirements this year for Professional Development Activities

These are Eligible
College units completed toward a Child Development Degree or Permit, with a grade of C or better, and transcripts uploaded to iPinwheel.
Online training resources provided by Quality Counts representatives or approved by your coach.
In-person trainings locally, such as CPIN trainings, ICES workshops, etc. that are offered outside of regular work hours.
Trainings away from the workplace, where travel is involved, will be eligible as follows: 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 One and 4 hours on day 2 would earn 10 stipend hours). This assumes that a FCC Provider is not getting paid for attending the training.
The hours given as credit for virtual coaching activities or by your coach for completed coaching assignments. Coaches have been advised to give credit only for active engagement and completed assignments and will put these hours into the iPinwheel system.
These are Not Eligible
Any training that you are paid to attend.
Any training that is required by Licensing.
Extra hours you may spend being observed by a coach are not considered stipend eligible. The coaches will determine credit-able coaching hours.

Timeline. The annual timeline for earning a Quality Counts stipend is from June 1st 2018 to May 30th 2019. 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: A question has arisen about 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.

How to get started:

Complete the on-line application. ICES staff will contact you regarding next steps, including completion of a W-9 if needed.

For applications, go to the following link: (you can also access with your phone or tablet)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCtuol18-19>

