

## Quality Improvement (QI) Grant for Licensed Programs and Alternative Sites QCC Track 1

### **Background**

Licensed programs\* and unlicensed alternative sites (ex. libraries, family resource centers, Family, Friend, and Neighbors) participating in QCC Track 1 have the potential to qualify for a Quality Improvement (QI) Grant. As a QCC participant, you have committed to improving the quality of care and education you provide using QCC's quality elements which are:

- **Teacher-Child Interactions:** Teachers talk, play, read, laugh and interact positively with the children in their care. Teachers develop children's critical thinking and social skills, language, self-confidence, and curiosity.
- **Physical Environment:** Teachers provide a rich learning environment with varied materials, activities, and routines. Areas are healthy, clean, and safe.
- **Child Development:** Teachers closely monitor children's development and ensure they receive health screenings.
- **Curriculum:** Teachers use an engaging curriculum with developmentally appropriate activities to meet children's learning needs.
- **Staff Qualifications:** Staff are knowledgeable and caring with training and/or degrees in Early Childhood Education; they continuously participate in professional growth activities.

As your biggest fan, the Local Planning Council (LPC) is excited to offer a QI grant to support you in your continuous quality improvement efforts! Grants are accepted and issued on a rolling basis throughout the program year.

### **Description**

The purpose of this grant is to support programs in the completion and implementation of a site quality improvement plan (QIP).

### **Requirements**

Create and submit a QIP using QCC's quality elements. Work with your mentor as needed for guidance. Complete a 3- and 6-month follow up with your mentor to support your QI progress.

### **Award Amount**

\$500 – issued upon completion of the QIP. Additional funds may be issued, depending on need, scope of services, program size, number of children served, and funding availability.

\*CSPP programs are required to participate in Track 2.