



**Participant
Application
Nevada County**



Type of Program:

☐ Eligible Alternative Site – Serving Young Children

☐ Family, Friend, Neighbor

Please print legibly

Contact Information			
Agency Name:			Date:
Agency Address:			
Primary Contact:		Title:	
Best Phone #:	Best Time to Contact:	Email:	
Agency Information (for Eligible Alternative Sites)			
Agency Type:		Type of Services for Children 0-5yrs of age	
Eligible Staff			
Name		Email address	
Position			
Name		Email address	
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Position			
Number of infant/toddler and/or preschool <u>typically served</u> on site:			
Infant _____ Toddler _____ Preschool _____ Total Classrooms _____			
Total number of <u>children</u> typically served at this location:			
Infants (Birth to 2): _____ Toddlers (2-3 year olds): _____ Preschool (3-5 year olds): _____			

Please complete and send application as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Applications will be processed in the order received and based on Early Quality Matters priorities.

Easily complete an EQM Application online at www.4cnevco.org/benefits

Or, Email to: lstewart@nevco.org or Mail to: Child Care Coordinating Council, 640 East Main St. #3 Grass Valley CA 95945

For more information, contact us at 530.271.0258 or rdort@nevco.org

QCC TRACK 1: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI) SITES (non-rated)

GOAL: Strengthen foundations essential to positive child development, including health and safety best practices, engaging families as partners, and understanding different ways to support children's learning and social-emotional development.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN:

Activities (choose one or more)	Incentives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Create a Safe, Clean and Enriching Environment using QCC resources and developmentally appropriate materials. - Receive QI stipend for environment enhancements ★ Strengthen foundations and skills that lead to higher quality interactions with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eligible staff can take part in Professional Development (PD) Activities to receive PD stipends (see PD Stipend Guide for more info) ✓ PD activities can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning elements of Positive Teacher-Child Interactions using CLASS; • Implementing language and literacy activities using Talk.Read.Sing • Using QRIS tools for developmental health screening to ensure children are developing on track – physically, emotionally, and socially • Attending QCC trainings based on developmentally appropriate practices • Increasing Family Engagement using Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Site-level Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Receive a Quality Improvement (QI) site stipend of up to \$500 for environment enhancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the ERS self-assessment with your Peer Mentor/coach and submit a QI plan to enhance your site environment ✓ Based on need and funding availability, additional incentives may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monetary or non-consumable, sustainable materials to support early learning environments • Specialized training and consultants to achieve site goals ★ Individual-level Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Each eligible staff can receive a Professional Development (PD) stipend of up to \$700 per year for completing activities outlined in the annual PD Stipend Guide. ✓ Other individual incentives can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized coaching/mentoring • Training and Resources • Educational supports such as PD stipends for eligible staff

ROAD MAP:

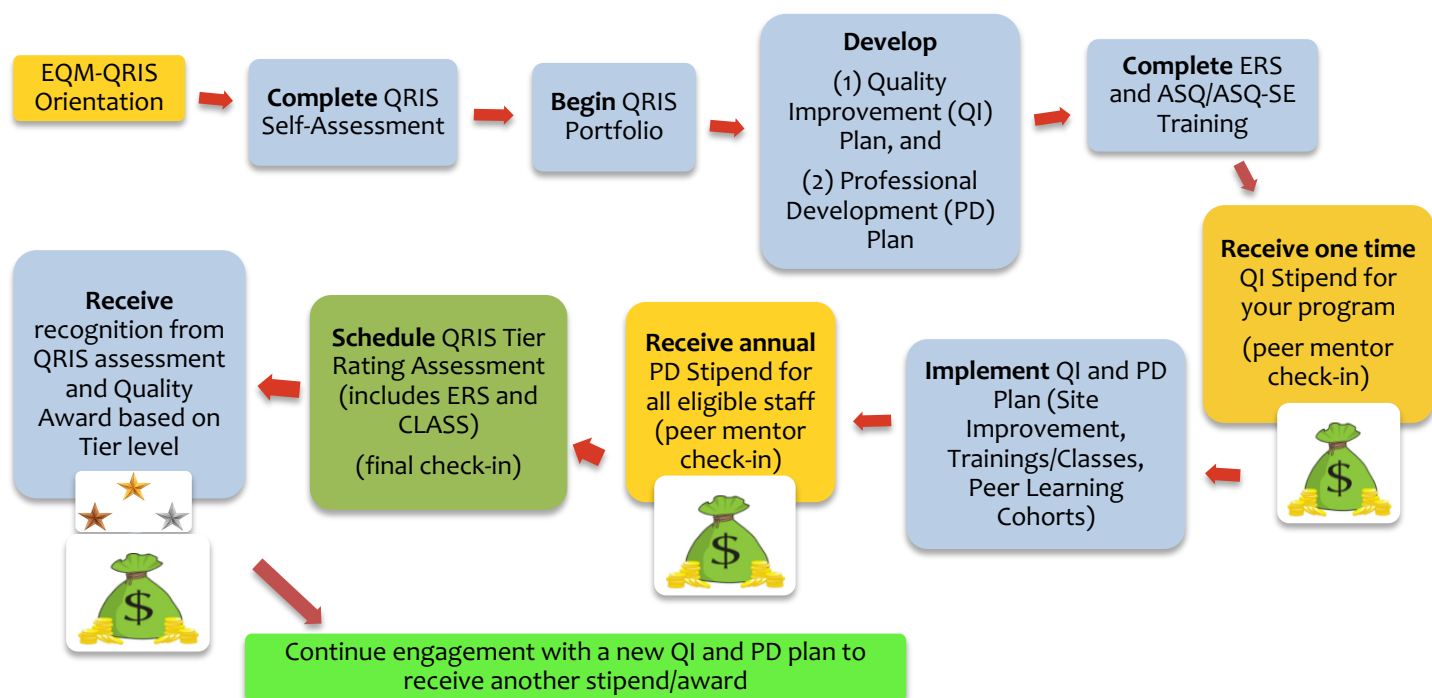


QCC TRACK 2: QUALITY RATING IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (QRIS)

GOAL: Enhance teacher skills and sound program practices on an advanced level. Sites in Track 2 QRIS receive the most support to enhance their overall program quality, environment, and teacher-child interactions. Participating sites in QRIS are rated and receive public recognition for their commitment to quality care through site stipends, education award stipends and public recognition.

ACTIVITIES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)	INCENTIVES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Observe How Children Are Developing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Use DRDP or another choice child assessment ➤ Be connected to a certified behavioral specialist who will provide onsite assistance ★ Learn and Use Developmental Health Screenings to ensure children are developing on track – physically, emotionally, and socially <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attend Ages and Stages training ➤ Attend trainings based on CA Preschool Learning Foundations and Preschool Curriculum Framework ★ Support Children’s Social-Emotional Development and Understand and Apply Elements of Positive Teacher-Child Interactions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS™) ➤ Program for Infant and Toddler Care (PITC) Trainings ➤ Receive trainings and utilize resource guides on health, nutrition and physical activities ★ Create a Safe, Clean and Enriching Environment - Receive QI stipend for environment enhancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Attend Environmental Rating Scales (ERS) Training/Refresher ➤ Complete an informal ERS self-assessment with support from your Peer Mentor/coach ★ Support Family Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Families in your program receive Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors Framework ★ Eligible staff have the option to take part in our Professional Development (PD) stipend program and receive a PD stipend for their completed activities. See PD Stipend Guide for more info and options. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Individual-level Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each eligible staff can receive a Professional Development (PD) stipend of up to \$700 per year for completing activities outlined in the annual PD Stipend Guide. Amount varies per fiscal year. ○ Other individual incentives can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individualized coaching/mentoring ▪ Training and Resources ▪ Educational supports such as PD stipends for eligible staff ★ Site-level Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quality Improvement (QI) site stipend for site materials, facility improvements, professional development or technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ QI stipends are <u>typically</u> \$500 for Family Child Care and Centers with 1 classroom. Family Child Care and Centers with more than two classrooms <u>typically</u> receive \$1000 or more depending on size, number of children served, safety indicators based on quality rating assessments, and funding availability. CSPP and Head Start sites are not eligible for QI Stipends. ▪ To receive this stipend, child care program representatives must use the Environmental Rating Scales self-assessment with your Peer Mentor/coach and submit a QI plan to enhance your site environment ★ QRIS Quality Award Stipend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sites receiving a QRIS rating assessment qualify for a QRIS Quality Award based on their size, type of program and QRIS Tier Rating: Bronze Award (Tier 3), Silver Award (Tier 4), Gold Award (Tier 5) (see next page for more info)

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- ★ Specialized Workshops and Trainings: health and safety practices, creating positive and enriching climates for children, developmentally appropriate curriculum, marketing, business/contract support, and stronger partnerships with parents
- ★ Expert Consultation and Coaching: teacher-child interactions, legal and business development, universal developmental and social emotional screening
- ★ Connections to Scholarships, Financial Aid, Reimbursements for Training, College Courses and Professional Resources
- ★ Free Quality Rating Assessment of every eligible classroom, completed by a certified independent Environmental Rating Scale Assessments and CLASS™ Observer (valued at \$500 per assessment)
- ★ ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION – state and county wide advertisements, publications, awards
- ★ Quality Improvement (QI) Stipend
 - ✓ Site stipend for site materials, facility improvements, professional development or technology; funds are based on program size, need and funding availability
 - ✓ With available funds, additional site support may also include monetary, non-consumable, sustainable materials to support early learning environments
- ★ Professional Development (PD) Stipend
 - ✓ An annual stipend for each eligible staff employed in a participating who completes an approved Professional Development Option. See the annual PD Stipend Guide for stipend amounts for each PD Option.
- ★ QRIS Quality Award Stipend
 - ✓ QRIS Ratings and Awards are dependent upon the size, type of program and QRIS Tier Rating: Bronze Award (Tier 3), Silver Award (Tier 4), Gold Award (Tier 5)

Type of Child Care and Site Size		Bronze (Tier 3)	Silver (Tier 4)	Gold (Tier 5)
Family Child Care	Small (0-6)	\$500	\$900	\$1300
	Large (0-14)	\$750	\$1250	\$1600
Center	Small/Medium (up to 60)	\$1000	\$1700	\$2200
	Large (60+)	\$1200	\$2000	\$2500