



**Attention licensed family child care providers, preschool center staff and childcare providers!**

The new grant cycle started on July 1, 2023 and we have a new plan for this year's **'Quality for Kids' program**.

We hope you participate in this year's program and earn all kinds of exciting incentives - and be eligible for more perks

**We are moving to the Hubbe online system! Please sign up and/or renew your participation by applying here:** (Upon completion, please return your QIP and updated W-9. *(The application link can be found on our website [first5amador.com/quality-for-kids](http://first5amador.com/quality-for-kids))*)

Once you go to the Application link, please click **New user** and complete the process of creating a username and password. Please designate what type of application you will be completing: Family, Friend, Neighbor provider, Family Childcare, Center, or Other (playgroup, ELOP, or alternate site).

#### **Documents:**

In the portal, you will complete the prompts for the this year's Q4K participant application. In the download section, you will see a few other documents:

#### **Return to Quality for Kids**

- Quality Improvement Plan
- updated W-9

#### **For your reference:**

- Incentive guidelines
- Professional development tracking form (submitted with certificates to Q4K by June 15th to earn your stipend for completing 25 hours of professional development).
- We will have hard copies of the application for anyone who does not want to do it online.

***If you have any questions, please call us at (209) 257-1092 or email [q4k@first5amador.com](mailto:q4k@first5amador.com).***



## **What is Quality for Kids?**

Quality for Kids is Amador's local initiative that aligns with the Quality Counts California's goals to strengthen the state's early learning and care system to support young children and their families. You can learn more about QCC [here](#)

## **What are Quality Improvement Plan Goals?**

Quality improvement goals are identified by you. These goals should reflect the areas of improvement you would like to implement into your childcare program. In order to receive the QIP incentive, you must complete 3 QIP goals. Some examples include:

- Attend 2-hour ASQ-3/ASQ-SE2 training and implementation of ASQs into your childcare program.
- Focus on social-emotional development, nutrition, literacy, math, outdoor learning, etc. that is approved by the Quality for Kids coordinator.  
*Completion of this goal will be demonstrated by showing how your focus area has been addressed.*
- Attend FCCERS/ECERS training, conduct a Self-Assessment and develop an action plan to include list of materials.
- 25 hours of professional development hours
- Coaching Companion
- Ginni on the Move (Social / Emotional support provided by our Behavioral Spec.)

## **What are Professional Development hours?**

Professional development hours can be earned by attending both in-person and online workshops and trainings. In order to earn professional development hours, you must show proof of attendance. Please see the attached list of professional development opportunities. If you have any questions regarding PD opportunities, please contact us at 209-257-1092 or [q4k@first5amador.com](mailto:q4k@first5amador.com)

## **What is the Coaching Companion**

The Coaching Companion is a partnership between an ECE specialist and childcare provider. The two engage in a reflective dialogue around a variety of early childhood topics related to the areas the childcare provider is focused on.



## Professional Development Resources

### In-person workshops/trainings:

- The Resource Connection: Click [here](#) for more information
- Quality for Kids: Please follow First 5 Amador's Facebook page for updates on future workshops and trainings. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Online trainings/workshops:

- [California Early Childhood Educator Competency Series](#)
- [California Early Childhood Online](#)
- [Early Childhood Investigations](#)
- [California Early Childhood Online \(CECO\)](#)
- [Gee Whiz Education](#)
- [Multilingual Learning Toolkit](#)
- [QCC Family Engagement Toolkit](#)
- [Watch Me! Celebrating Milestones and Sharing Concerns](#)
- [Sesame Workshops](#)
- [Zoo Phonics workshops](#)

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