



**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](#)

If you have any questions regarding Professional Development workshops please call 209-257-1092 or [qk@first5amador.com](mailto:qk@first5amador.com)

# Incentive Guidelines for Family Child Care & Private Centers

Amador County ~ Fiscal Year 2023-2024



## Incentive

### Program Element

### Participation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Participating Sites</li> <li>Annual Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)</li> <li>Create 3 QIP goals approved by Quality for Kids.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 stipend for completion of approved site QIP and 3 goals approved by Q4K.</li> <li>Recognition in Newsletter/Website/Facebook, etc.</li> <li>Playground stencils - paint or chalk provided.</li> <li>Family engagement kits (as available)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages &amp; Stages and Ages &amp; Stages Social-Emotional (ASQ-3 / ASQ-SE2) Questionnaires (<i>Developmental Screenings</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend 2-hour ASQ-3 / ASQ-SE2 training</li> <li>Distribute ASQ's to families, track, provide appropriate referrals, and follow up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive ASQ Questionnaire Kits</li> <li>Site support for ASQ implementation</li> <li>\$250 stipend for achieving 70% ASQ return rate, per site. Up to 2x per year. To include follow-up on referrals.</li> </ul>
<p>Ongoing Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Reading Across Amador" Literacy Campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read to the children in your childcare 20 minutes per day, write the name of the book and color in one of the books on the reading log. Return to Quality for Kids on the 1st of each month.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 stipend per month (paid on a quarterly basis) for completion of reading logs.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>	<p>25 hours Professional Development completed according to Quality Improvement Plan (attending workshops, trainings, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$400 per participant one-time (per fiscal year) stipend upon completion of 25 hours-per Family Childcare Home provider or individual Preschool site teachers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching Companion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Coaching Companion cycles (each cycle earns 2 hours of professional development).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$100 per cycle (up to 6 cycles) per participant one-time stipend upon completion of Coaching Companion cycles- per Family Childcare Home Provider or individual Preschool teachers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Childhood Education (ECE) Units</li> <li>ECE Apprenticeship- partnership with Amador</li> <li>College Connect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>First Priority:</b> Family Childcare: Complete up to 12 ECE units to quality for Child Development associate teacher permit.</li> <li>Completion of Education Plan prior to classes</li> <li><b>Second Priority:</b> Working toward A.A. or B.A or in Child Development. <i>Includes General Ed. college units with emphasis on English and Math.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$400 for 3 ECE units, up to \$1600 for completion of 12, working toward Child Associate Teacher Permit</li> <li>Pay costs to acquire, maintain or upgrade Associate Teacher Permit</li> <li>\$400 for 3 completed ECE units</li> <li>Up to \$1600 for units toward A.A. or B.A.</li> </ul>

Disclaimer - incentives subject to change as funding allows

# Quality Site Improvement Plan (QIP) “Your Goals” ~



Site / Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Your site’s goals for this year (check boxes below, and write in additional goals here that will tie in to your desired incentives)

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

## Program Element

## Participation / Completion

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Participants - Create Quality Improvement Plan * <b>Preschool centers submit one QIP per site</b> * <i>Family Child Care Home providers submit one QIP</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Quality Improvement Plan Completion Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> 3 QIP Goals: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ Completion Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Family Engagement Kits (As Available).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages &amp; Stages and Ages &amp; Stages Social-Emotional (ASQ-3 / ASQ-SE2) Questionnaires (Developmental Screening)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend ASQ-3 / ASQ-SE2 training Completion Date: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Distribute to families, track, and provide appropriate referrals with follow up. Completion Date: _____
<p>Ongoing Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Reading Across Amador" Literacy Campaign</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete monthly Reading logs  Completion Date(s): 1st quarter _____ 2nd quarter: _____ 3rd quarter: _____ 4th quarter: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Development</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete 25 hours of Professional Development. Proof of completion for all 25 hours, and completed Professional Development Tracking form to be turned in.  Completion Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaching Companion (begins September 2023)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Coaching Companion Cycles. Cycles completed: _____  Completion Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Childhood Education (ECE) Units</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First priority</b> Family Child Care: Complete up to 12 ECE units to qualify for Child Development Associate Teacher Permit. Completion Date: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of Education Plan prior to classes. Completion Date: _____
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECE Apprenticeship Program- partnership with Amador Connect</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Second Priority:</b> Working toward A.A. or B.A. in Child Development. Includes General Ed. college units with emphasis on English and Math. Completion Date: _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in ECE Apprenticeship Program