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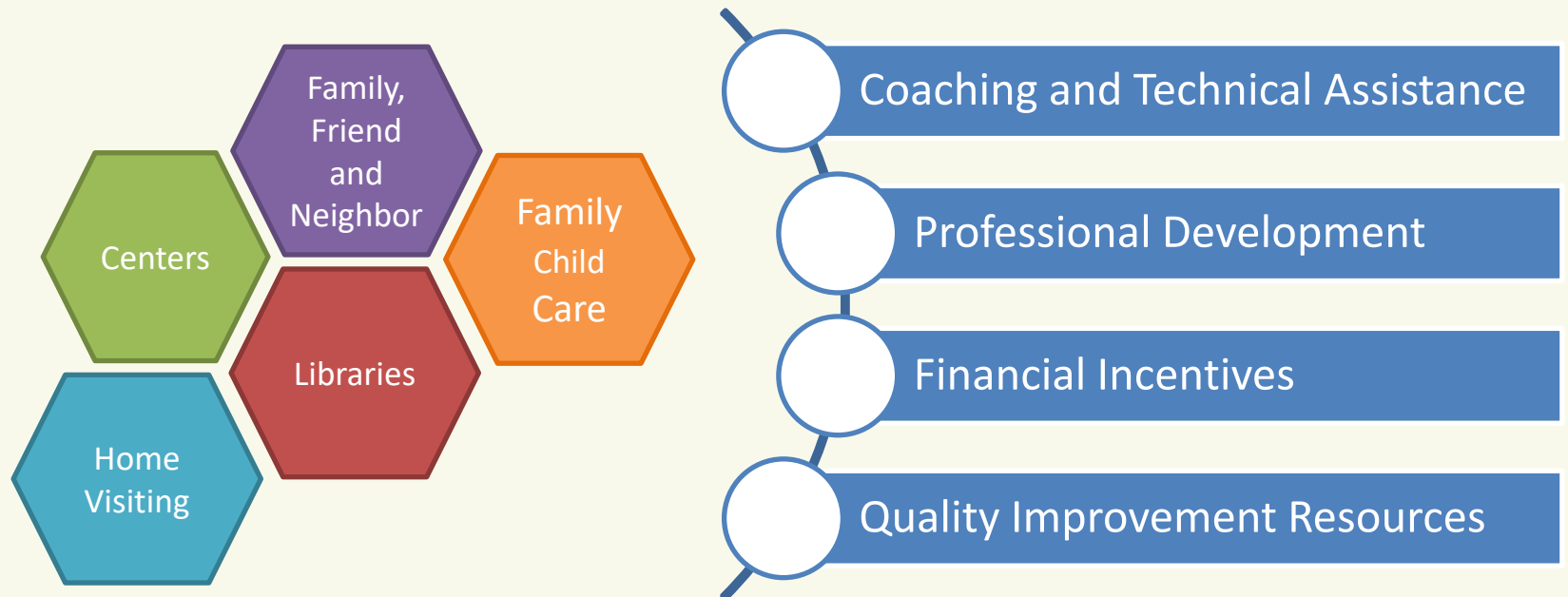
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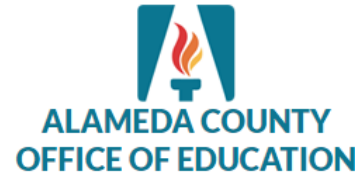


Overview

Quality Counts (QC) is Alameda County's local Quality Rating and Improvement System. QC supports caregivers and early care and education professionals to provide quality learning services and environments for children birth to five years.



Partners



Quality Improvement Options

**Coaching for
Continuous Quality
Improvement (CQI)**
(30 - 40 FCC)

Early Identification
(30 - 40 FCC)



Early Identification Overview

Quality Improvement supports:



- Work with an Inclusion and Developmental Screening coach to increase early identification of children's developmental needs
- Learn about First 5's Help Me Grow program services
- Participants are eligible to receive incentives and materials
- Ongoing technical assistance and support as needed

Commitments include:



- Develop a focused Quality Improvement Plan that describes strategies to meet early identification goals
- Participate in 3 - 4 activities **per year**



Coaching for CQI Overview

Quality Improvement supports:



- Receive coaching services
- Participate in a Professional Learning Community
- Access to financial incentives to support quality improvement

Commitments include:



- Agree to a memorandum of understanding (MOU)
- Develop a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) with your QC Coach that specifies goals and strategies for achieving goals
- Complete a mid-year and annual evaluation of the progress made on the QIP goals and strategies
- Participate in 2 – 3 quality improvement activities **per month**



Memorandum of Understanding Details

(coaching for CQI only)

MOU requirements include, but are not limited to:

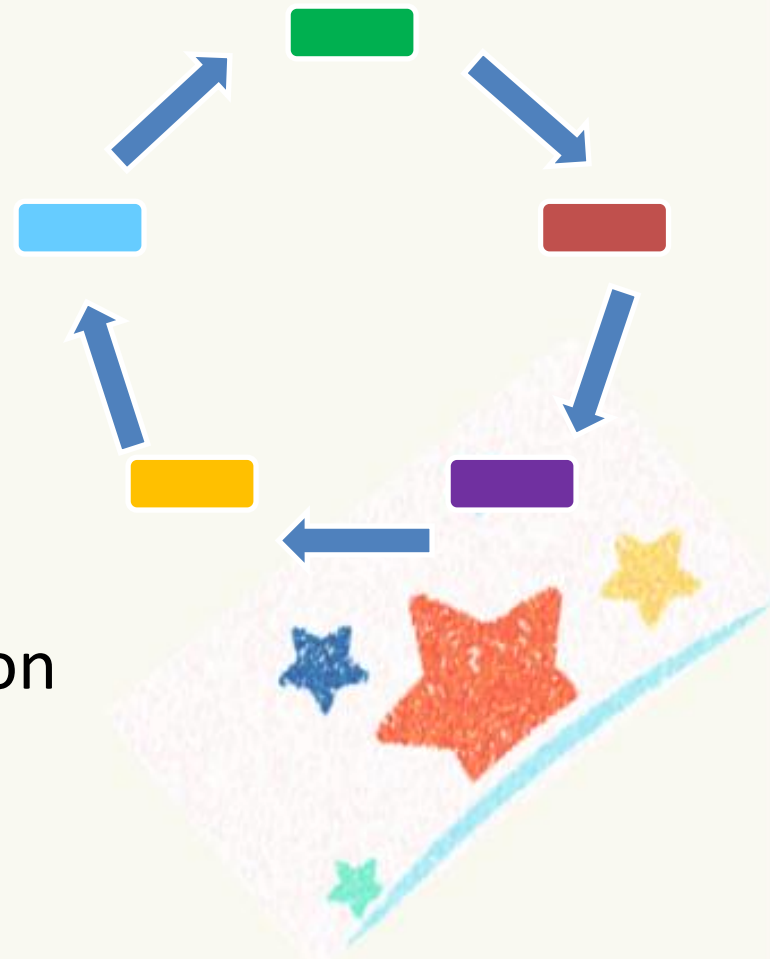
- Attend a QC Orientation
- Proof of general liability insurance
- Annual report of information on your program and the children served
- Participation in quality improvement activities



Continuous Quality Improvement Activities

(Coaching for CQI only)

- QIP Development
- Coaching and Technical Assistance
- Professional Development
- Professional Learning Communities
- Independent Implementation



Participant Feedback

"This process of learning new strategies really helped me not only in gaining a new confidence, it also opened my understanding towards all children and their needs."

Participation in coaching helped participants to:

- Build relationships with children
- Prevent and respond to children's challenging behavior
- Reinforce children's positive behavior
- Support children's ability to identify and manage their emotions.



Financial Incentives

Professional Development Stipend (Individual)

- Complete 21 hours of professional development during the fiscal year
- Applications submitted through Workforce Registry
- Available to staff at all participating Quality Counts sites
- Stipend amount is based on available funding



Financial Incentives

(coaching for CQI only)

- Quality Improvement Site Incentive
 - Support sites in reaching their QIP goals
 - Available to sites participating in Coaching for CQI that have developed a QIP with their QC Coach
 - Incentive amount varies based on available funding



Rating

Past

- Alameda County Quality Counts included a Quality Rating component requirement for all participating sites

Current

- The State is not requiring rating for FCC programs and non-state-contracted Center programs
- Rating is on pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Future

- Unknown whether rating will be required
- Opportunities to share with the state alternatives to measuring quality

Application Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply?

All licensed family child care programs who are

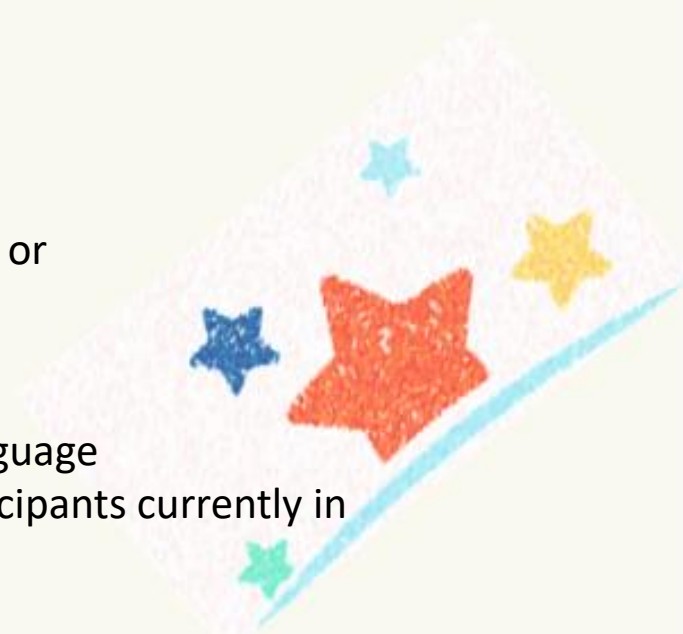
- Operating in Alameda County and
- Currently serving children birth to 5-years-old and
- In good standing with Community Care Licensing



Application Prioritization

Priority will be given to the following:

- FCCs operating in the following priority zip code areas:
 - 94501, 94536, 94541, 94544, 94546, 94550, 94551, 94560, 94566, 94568, 94577, 94578, 94580, 94587, 94588, 94601, 94603, 94605, 94606, 94607, 94608, 94619, 94621, 94702
- Serving infants/toddlers
- Serving dual language learners
- Serving children with special needs
- Serving children experiencing homelessness
- Serving children in foster care
- Serving or committed to serving children with a subsidy or payment voucher
- Offering weekend and overnight care
- Language capacity may be prioritized depending on language demands of the families in the area and other FCC participants currently in QC



Application Information

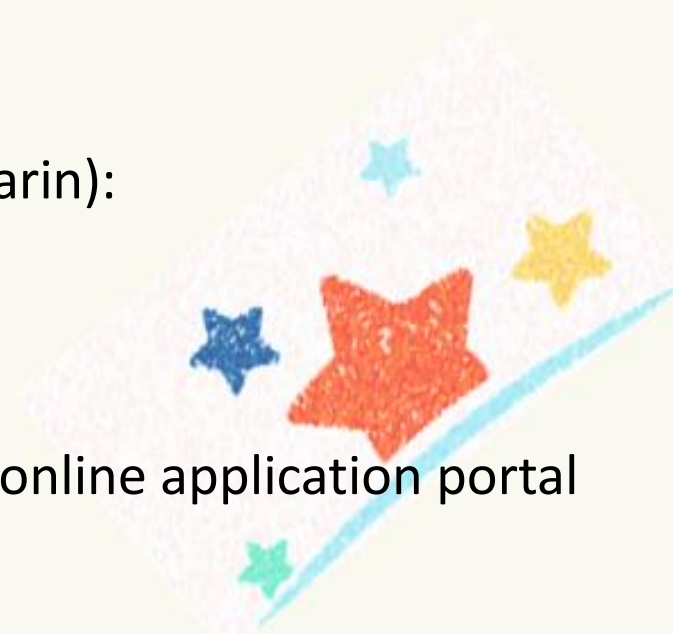
Application period:

May 16th - June 12th, 2022, late applications will not be accepted.

Online QC Application Support Session:

- May 24th @ 6:30PM (English): <https://bit.ly/FCCAppSupport>
- May 25th @ 6:30PM (Spanish):
<https://bit.ly/FCCAppSupportSPANISH>
- May 26th @ 6:30PM (Cantonese and Mandarin):
<https://bit.ly/FCCAppSupportCHINESE>

*Applications must be submitted through the online application portal



Information and Contact

For more information visit:

<https://alamedakids.org/qualitycounts/enrollment.php>

Email questions to:

QCapplication@first5alameda.org



Questions?

