

BUILDING A WORLD CLASS WORKFORCE



CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI) BONUS

Child Care and Family Home Care Providers can apply for a grant of up to \$19,800 to maintain and improve teacher-child interactions to support CLASS implementation.

Eligibility Requirements

01 Contracted Provider

Providers must have an active SR and/or VPK contract and be classified as a childcare provider. Provider must have a CLASS/Program Assessment score above 5.0 or higher on your most RECENT (22-23) assessment. CLASS score can be located in the QPS system.

02 Funding

Providers will receive the APPROVED proposed budget and will be responsible for paying vendors for services and staff bonuses. Funding is used for training costs. Providers can apply for a grant up to \$19,800

03 Provider Improvement Plan

All provider staff must create an application for Improvement, to include, budget allocations/justifications, training participants, and a training plan. All provider staff must participate in a minimum of 24 hours of training time with a vendor offering Professional Development training for childcare providers.

04 Required Training

All provider staff must participate in live coaching, live instruction/training, virtual instruction/training, individual and group instruction, and other competency-based skill development exercises.

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Application Process

Provider **MUST** provide the following:

- Budget (**Can NOT exceed \$19,800**)
 - Line-Item Title
 - Description/Justification
 - Proposed Budget
 - Amount Spent
 - Bonuses for staff **MUST** be in the budget
 - Amount Remaining
 - Justification
- Training Participants
 - Director **MUST** participate throughout the entire training
- Priorities
- Weekly Goals
- Outcomes

- **Training Plan with Topics, Subject Matter, and/or Themes that include**
 - Strengthening & Supporting Effective Interactions
 - Business and Leadership Practices
 - Child Assessment and Screening with Reliability
 - Curriculum Support
 - Support Other Priorities
- **Vendor List (WE ENDORSE NO SINGLE VENDOR OVER ANOTHER)**
 - Frog Street
 - Teaching Strategies
 - Bertelsen Education
 - ChildCare Education Institute
 - First Day Learning

**** All trainings are to maintain and improve teacher- child interactions to support CLASS implementation**

Vendor Requirements

- Coordinate directly with individual vendor of choice
- Plan and implement the required activities per the approved plan
- Create a budget that provides appropriate training and staff compensation
- Complete activities by 6/30/2023*
- Upload completion certificates into Webauthor one week after completion of training plan



Grant Approval Process

- Payments in the approved amount will be sent to the provider's account
 - Direct Deposit
 - Tax Implications
- Providers not meeting training requirements by the end date of the training plan will be required to repay all funds
- After training is complete, the provider will upload receipts of purchases for trainings listed in the training plan and upload certificates for staff listed as participants for the bonus
 - One week after the Training Plan Completion End Date (i.e., Training End Date is 06/01/2023, certificates are due on 06/08/2023.)



**Applications must be
submitted by May 31, 2023**

**All training activities must be
completed by June 30, 2023**

QUESTIONS??



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