

Why Invest in Quality Early Learning?

- Improve young children's development
- Enhance early learning experiences
- Help close the school readiness gap
- Improve health, social-emotional, and cognitive outcomes

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What is Quality Counts California?

Quality Counts California is a voluntary program focused on providing information, resources, and support to early care and education programs, including family child care homes serving children from birth to age 5. Our goal is to enhance the quality of early learning programs and to recognize the wonderful work that is being done in our region. The Quality Counts program in Plumas County is called **STARS** and provides information, resources, and support in the following areas:

- Child Development & School Readiness
- Social-Emotional Development
- Health, Nutrition & Physical Activity
- Effective Teacher-Child Interactions
- Professional Development
- Environment
- Program Administration
- Family Engagement

Child Development and School Readiness:

- Learn about and receive copies of the early learning development foundations and curriculum at no cost
- Learn about and receive effective health promotion practices to keep your program healthy and safe
- Receive tools and support for early identification and intervention services for children

Teachers and Teaching:

- Become part of a learning community focused on raising program quality
- Participate in professional development opportunities
- Receive resources to enhance teacher-child interactions
- Access to tuition reimbursement and ECE educational stipend programs

Program and Environment:

- Access resources and materials to enhance teaching, environments, and learning
- Receive resources and support on leadership and program administration
- Receive resources and support on family engagement practices

Eligible Programs Serving Children Birth to Five Include:

- State-funded Preschool and Child Care Programs
- Private Center-Based Programs
- Family Child Care
- Early Head Start/Head Start
- Title 1 Preschool Programs
- Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Providers
- Alternative Sites Serving Young Children



Why should my program participate in Quality Counts California?

- No cost materials and supplies for your program
- Receive ongoing support and resources that will benefit you and your staff
- No cost workshops and training
- Discover new ideas to enhance learning experiences for young children
- Be part of a supportive network; share ideas
- Receive information to help market your program
- Receive recognition from families, peers, and community members for providing a high-quality program

