

SDQPI STIPEND

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Stipend Intent

The SDQPI Stipend supports continuous quality improvement and professional growth in early learning and care (ELC) settings such as center-based programs, Family Child Care (FCC) providers, and Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) providers. Recognizing that these efforts often require time beyond the typical workday, this stipend is designed to acknowledge and promote the additional time ELC workforce members invest in strengthening program quality and advancing their professional development.

Workforce Advisement

Thanks to the Quality Counts California (QCC) Workforce Pathways Grant, ELC staff can access optional 30-minute group advisement sessions in English and Spanish, offered on various days and times—including evenings and weekends. Monthly office hours will also be available for quick questions and drop-in support. Whether you're looking to advance your career, earn or renew a Child Development Permit, or pursue a college degree, workforce advisors are here to help. SDQPI participants will receive details about sessions and office hours via email and text!

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the SDQPI Stipend, applicants must:

- Be actively employed at an SDQPI-participating program
- Be actively involved in quality improvement efforts and coaching
- Complete all required tasks
- Provide a valid Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) on the W-9 form
- Serve in one of the approved or eligible roles

Eligible Roles

- Teacher / Lead Teacher / Co-Teacher
- Assistant Teacher / Instructional Assistant
- Assistant Site Leader (one per site)
- Floater (must work \geq 20 hrs per week)
- FCC/FFN Provider
- FCC Assistant (see contract for details)
- Site Leader (one per site)

Not Eligible:

- Substitutes
- Home-Based Providers
- Cafeteria Staff
- Administrative Assistants
- Maintenance and Operations Staff



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Required Tasks

To remain eligible for the SDQPI Stipend and comply with funding and contract requirements, all required tasks must be completed and submitted within the designated deadlines. Late submissions will not be accepted.

For All Applicants

1. Submit the stipend application between 09/01/25 - 12/12/25
2. Submit a completed W-9 form by 12/12/25
3. Attend your site QIP development session/orientation by 12/12/25
4. Complete four hours of approved professional learning (PL) aligned with your site QIP by 4/30/26
5. Complete the PL Investment Summary* by 04/30/26



*Additional information can be found on the SDQPI Stipend website.

Stipend Calculations

The stipend amount will be the same for all eligible applicants and will be determined in the fourth quarter of the program year, based on the total number of eligible applicants.

Important Notice

Site staff stipend eligibility depends on the timely submission of all required program data, which the agency is contractually responsible for providing. If an agency does not submit this data on time, site staff may become ineligible for this stipend, even if the delay was outside of the site staff's control.

Stipend applications open September 1.



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