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THE LAST OPPORTUNITY

For Family Child Care Providers to apply for the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

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Want to Improve the Quality of your Program?

The **Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)**, is part of California's Race to the Top, Early Learning Challenge Federal Grant. The goal of QRIS is to improve the quality of child care. Participants receive free **quality assessments**, and these, together with documentation of specific program practices, are used to provide a rating of their program and create a **Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)**.

FAMILY CHILD CARE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Quality Assessments and Ratings: Environment Rating Scales and Classroom Assessment Scoring System
- Monthly technical assistance, coaching and/or consultation
- Bi-Monthly Family Child Care Peer Learning Group
- An opportunity to apply for a grant to obtain quality-enhancing supplies, materials, and professional development activities

PARTICIPANTS ARE RE-RATED IN TWO YEARS TO DOCUMENT CHANGES IN PROGRAM QUALITY

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a licensed family child care program, located in Alameda County: Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton or Sunol and in good standing with Community Care Licensing
- Must provide services to high-need children under the age of 5 years (**High-need includes:** Infants, Dual Language Learners, Low Income Children, and/or Children with Special Needs)
- Family Child Care Providers must have 50% or higher of their licensed capacity enrolled (minimum of 4 children) and under the age of 5
- Must sign a two-year commitment to keep child care program open

QRIS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND CANTONESE

