

Sacramento County Workforce Pathways Grant (WPG) Application for 2020 – 2021 Stipends is now open!



Funded by the California Department of Education, the goals of the Sacramento County QCC Workforce Pathways Grant (WPG) are to increase the number of qualified early learning and care (ELC) professionals and to increase the educational credentials, knowledge, and competencies of existing ELC professionals.

Professional growth activities include training, college coursework, and/or licensure designed to move up the Career Lattice. Professional growth activities need to be completed between July 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021.

Application periods:

- February 19 - March 12, 2021 for activities completed by February 19, 2021
- April 15 – April 30 for professional learning activities that will be completed by May 15, 2021 and college coursework completed by May 31, 2021.

Apply Today! Application can be found online at <http://bit.ly/WPGApplication>.

All communication will be via email. You will receive emailed confirmation of application and eligibility status. This email will include a WPG Documentation Checklist with samples of required forms and documents needed to process stipend. Documentation must be submitted within 10 business days from the date of the confirmation of eligibility status email.

Am I Eligible?

Sacramento County ELC professionals who directly work with children ages birth – 5 years (not enrolled in transitional kindergarten or kindergarten) for a minimum of 15 hours per week teaching or providing child care for pay. Must be employed in early learning or child care during the July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021. Work settings can be the home, licensed family child care home, or licensed child care center, and school-district operated license-exempt center. Child care for at least one child age birth – 5 years of age must be paid through child care voucher subsidy (e.g., Child Action) or state contract (e.g., State Preschool – CSPP, General Child Care – CCTR, or Beanstalk’s Family Child Care Network) currently or in the last two years. Individuals providing Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) care, receive child care vouchers or subsidies, and meet the minimum hour and timeframe listed above are also eligible.

What are Eligible Professional Growth Activities?

- 16 hours of Child Care Provider Health and Safety training (FFN & FCCH only)
- Initial FCCH licensure application fee is reimbursable
- 21 hours of approved training or professional learning (PL)
- Completion of minimum of 21 hours Child Care Initiative (CCIP) training (coaching not eligible activity)
- College units that are Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD) degree-pathway coursework. *Note: only ECE or CD AA or BA degree-pathway coursework.*

What am I Eligible For?

Stipends will be issued for completion of the following, based on funding availability:

Child Care Provider Health and Safety Training (16 hours) (FFN & FCCH only)

\$300 Stipend for the completion of the 16 hours Child Care Provider Health & Safety Training.

Initial FCCH Licensure Application Fee

The fee to apply for FCCH licensure (initial application only, not renewal or late fees) is reimbursable. Proof of payment and copy of license needed to reimburse. Contact sacramentocountyqris@scoe.net for more info.

21 hours of training or professional learning (PL)

\$300 Stipend for the completion of 21 hours per year

\$100 Bonus Stipend for completing at least 10 of the 21 hours in specific topics

Additional details and information on the program, including approved professional learning and documentation requirements are on the back of this page.

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College Units in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child Development (CD) Degree-Pathway Coursework

\$100 per ECE/CD degree- or Permit-pathway Unit Stipend (12 Units or \$1,200 maximum per semester)
\$25 per Unit Bonus Stipend for CAP 8 or CAP Expansion Course (see CAP 8 and CAP Expansion list for approved courses <http://bit.ly/CAP8CAPExp>).

College coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited college or university. A grade of "C" or better must be earned to be eligible for stipend.

Approved Training Programs and Topics:

- Raising Quality Together Professional Learning Calendar
- Child Action, Inc. Training Calendar
- Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) family child care trainings
- California Preschool Instructional Network (CPIN) trainings
- California Early Childhood Online (CECO) trainings
- Placer County Office of Education Family Child Care at Its Best series
- WestEd Program for Infant/Toddler Care (PITC) trainings
- Infant/Toddler Learning Foundations and Curriculum Framework
- Preschool Learning Foundations and Curriculum Frameworks
- Child care program assessment tools (CLASS, BAS, PAS, ERS)
- Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)
- Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ)
- Strengthening Families with Protective Factors
- Brazelton Touchpoints Training
- Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) *
- Teaching Pyramid *
- Trauma Informed Practice *
- Dual Language Learning *
- Inclusion*

Documentation submission can be scanned and emailed to sacramentocountyqris@scoe.net or copies mailed to WPG Documentation c/o SCOE Early Learning Department, P.O. Box 269003, Sacramento, CA 95826. All documents must be submitted at the same time. Incomplete documentation will result in delay or denial of stipend. You will receive emailed confirmation that documentation has been received and if package is complete. If incomplete, you will have a 7 business days to submit missing or corrected documentation. *All communication will be via email. Regularly check your contact email you gave on the WPG online application to ensure you stay updated.*

Required Documentation includes:

- WPG Acknowledgement and Documentation Checklist
- Workforce Registry Identification Number
- Employment verification letter
 - For FCCH owners, provide a self-attestation including license number
 - For FFN, provide a self-attestation or letter from Child Action, Inc.
 - For centers, provide a statement on letterhead verifying employment and signed by employer
- Quality Improvement Plan, Professional Growth Plan, or Education Plan identifying approved PL or college coursework activities
- Training/PL Certificates or Workforce Registry Verification or College Transcript from an accredited college indicating a grade of "C" or better or CCLD FCCH new licensure
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WPG funding is limited. If the number of applications received exceeds the funding available, stipends will be awarded based on the child care site's Local Planning Council (LPC) Zip code priority. If applicants are of equal priority, then a lottery may take place to distribute funds inclusive of all eligible applicants in that priority area until funds are exhausted. Applications and documentation must be complete by indicated deadlines to be considered for funding.

See Frequently Asked Questions at <http://bit.ly/SacCountyWPGFAQ> or More Information contact: Raising Quality Together (RQT) sacramentocountyqris@scoe.net 916-228-2506
Please indicate Workforce Pathways or WPG in your subject line or message for quickest response.