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Every child in Riverside County has access to high quality early learning environments that build the foundation for success in school and lifelong learning.

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Quality Start Riverside County will build an integrated and sustainable approach to strengthening and supporting the quality of early learning environments for Riverside County's children, families, and educators.

Quality Start Riverside County helps child care and preschool programs provide the highest quality early learning experiences possible. It does this by establishing standards that define what quality means and looks like for early care and education programs and then rating programs using these standards. In addition, it provides parents and caregivers with tools and resources to find and select a quality early learning program for their child, and it gives early educators resources and professional development opportunities to continuously improve and elevate the quality of the care they provide.

Quality Start Riverside County assesses and supports programs in the following areas:

- 1) Child Development and School Readiness
How programs use child observation tools, create appropriate learning activities, and utilize health and developmental screenings
- 2) Teachers and Teaching
The teacher or family child care home provider's education and qualifications, and how effectively the teacher interacts with children
- 3) Program and Environment
The adult-child ratios and group size, how safe and effective the classroom environment is for learning, and qualifications of the program director

The Consortium for Early Learning Services facilitates three (3) programs under contract with Quality Start Riverside County:

- 1) Training Program
Coordinates all required and voluntary professional growth activities for staff of QS RC sites
- 2) Stipend Program
Voluntary program that provides monetary incentives for QS RC site staff who complete college coursework and/or attend approved professional growth events (conferences, workshops, seminars, etc.)
- 3) Jump Start Program
Provides curriculum items to qualifying sites to improve the quality of the educational environment

For more information about these Quality Start Riverside County programs, please the Consortium office at (951) 778-5003 or visit the Consortium website at www.ConsortiumELS.org