

Quality Start Los Angeles Fact Sheet, FY2018-19



Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA), Los Angeles County’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), is part of a state and national movement – and part of the state’s Quality Counts California (QCC) efforts to support early learning providers as they continuously enhance the quality of care for children birth to five and their families.

Research has shown that high-quality early learning programs can have a positive lifelong impact on young children and their families. The first five years of a child’s life are the most critical in their development, and it is important that children have the most supportive learning environment possible during that key time.

QSLA aims to improve the program quality of participating centers and family child care homes by offering instructional support, professional development, and incentives for programs, teachers and administrators. QSLA believes that families play an important role in their child’s early learning experience and seeks to help them better understand what to look for when choosing a quality early learning and care program and how to best support their child’s learning at home.

QSLA is funded by the California Department of Education (CDE), First 5 California and First 5 LA, serving state and non-state funded Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and birth-5 programs.

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QSLA Early Learning Providers

Total number of Early Care and Education (ECE) providers participating in QSLA.....	906
• ECE centers participating in QSLA.....	680
• Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) participating in QSLA.....	226

Children

Total number of children served.....	47,501
By age group:	
• Infant.....	1,233
• Toddler.....	5,036
• Pre-K.....	41,232

QSLA Tier Rating Distribution



→ 1% Not yet rated

Workforce

Number of early learning teaching staff and administrators participating in QSLA.....	5,854
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Early learning providers receive a Tier Rating based on how well they meet program standards in the three core areas: **(1) Child Development and School Readiness, (2) Teacher Qualifications and Teacher Interactions, and (3) Program Leadership and Learning Environment.** Tier Ratings help early learning providers and coaches identify areas of strength and areas for improvement.

Quality Improvement Supports

QSLA sets high standards for early learning providers and offers quality improvement supports they need to strive towards delivering high quality programs for the children and families they serve.

Coaching

32,912 coaching hours provided

Quality Improvement Plans

61% focused on Teacher Qualifications & Teacher Interactions

21% focused on Program Leadership & Learning Environment

8% focused on Child Development & School Readiness

11% focused on Family Engagement

Professional Development

56 QSLA trainings provided on topics including: Assessment Rating Tools, Behavior Management, Cultural Competency, Family Education, and Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Incentives

Monetary incentives of over **\$3m** were distributed to QSLA early learning providers to support quality improvement and program enhancement in early learning programs