Who We Are
Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA) is a county-wide system that nurtures the whole child, strengthens families, and elevates excellence in early learning programs. We believe all children should have access to high-impact learning environments, which is the quality foundation they need for future learning and life. We partner with early learning programs to support families and improve early learning program quality.

Our Approach
QSLA partners with early educators across Los Angeles County to enhance their program quality, including licensed child care centers and family child care homes (FCC).

We do this by providing:
- Instructional support
- Professional development
- Family Engagement support and resources
- Incentives to support the needs of early learning programs, teachers, administrators, and FCC owners.

What Motivates Us
All children deserve to learn and thrive in an environment that is inclusive, anti-racist, diverse, and reflective of individuals’ strengths. We exist to provide greater access and trusted resources to communities most in need.
By age group:
• Infant…………………………..1,168
• Toddler…………………………..4,803
• Pre-K……………………………..40,237

Note: 86 children with unknown age

Workforce
Number of early learning teaching staff and administrators participating in QSLA………..10,196

Quality Improvement Supports
QSLA provides research-proven support to help providers deliver high-quality environments for the children and families they serve.

Coaching
16,794 coaching hours provided

Quality Improvement Plans
100%

- Teacher - Child Interactions: 62%
- Early Learning Environments: 17%
- Child Development and Health: 8%
- Family Engagement: 4%
- Program Leadership: 4%
- Diversity and Inclusion*: 0%
- No topic reported: 5%

Professional Development
40 QSLA trainings delivered to over 1,100 QSLA Providers

Incentives
Monetary incentives of over $4.5M were distributed to QSLA early learning providers to support quality improvement and program enhancement in early learning programs

Early Learning Providers Served
Total number of Early Care and Education (ECE) providers participating in QSLA………………….860
- ECE centers participating in QSLA…………………….666
- Family Child Care Homes (FCC) participating in QSLA……………………………….194

QSLA Tier Rating Distribution

□ 19% Not yet rated

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; they also inform parents’ decisions when selecting a program for their child.

Total number of children served………………46,294

Data from CDF (self-reported) and other sources.

Data reflective of FY 2019-2020. Data is not cumulative.