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.

**Year in Review: Family Child Care Heroes**

Despite the challenges that everyone faced during the COVID pandemic, many Family Child Care (FCCs) kept their doors open and others were steadfast to re-open when it was deemed safe and their community was ready. These FCCs diligently and bravely serve as the trusted neighborhood early learning providers upon which many families rely. QSLA worked closely with these FCCs during the pandemic to support their safe reopening and kept providers up to date on the latest COVID-19 protocols and health practices. Child care workers were finally seen as the essential workforce that supports our essential workers.

**Provider Spotlight**

After working with an coach around the importance of self-directed art activities and displaying art, the FCC created an artwork display area that was at the children’s eye level. The FCC stated that when children walk through the display they smile and point out what they have created. The provider also stated that she asks herself the question “is this material child-initiated or teacher-directed?”
FCC Providers

Total Providers: 860

Total FCCs: 194

Large | up to 14 children: 167
Small | 8 children or fewer: 21

Note: 6 sites from CDF data do not appear in iPinwheel licensing report. The size of these sites is unknown.

Children served

Number of children: 1,712

Language of instruction

- English: 52%
- Spanish: 41%
- ASL: 3%
- Other*: 4%

* ‘Other’ includes: Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Filipino, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Hmong, Armenian, Other, Unknown

Education level attained

- 100%: Training or Associate Teacher Permit
- 23%: Training or Teacher Permit
- 13%: AA/AS or Site Supervisor Permit
- 18%: BA/BS or Program Director Permit
- 16%: No Permit
- 15%: Unknown

Coaching

2,101 coaching hours provided

Quality Improvement Plans

- 100%: Program Leadership
- 34%: Teacher - Child Interactions
- 26%: Child Development and Health
- 18%: Early Learning Environments
- 18%: Family Engagement
- 4%: Diversity and Inclusion
- 0%: Unknown

QSLA tier rating distribution

- 0%: Committed to Quality
- 26%: Raising Quality
- 22%: Achieving Quality
- 30%: Exceeding Quality
- 7%: Mastering Quality

Note: 15% Not yet rated

% of sites with QRIS tier rating changes

- Increase: 56%
- Decrease: 6%
- No Change: 39%
- Total Re-Rated Sites: 162

Note: 6 sites from CDF data do not appear in iPinwheel “Changes in Tier Ratings” report and are not included in numbers above. 26 sites are in their first year and only have one rating.