



**Quality
Start**
San Bernardino County

**Growing excellence in
early learning.**

As an early childhood educator, **you understand why high quality early learning matters.** You recognize the importance of the first five years, and you are committed to making sure that the children in your program have the best early learning experiences possible.

Your success as an educator is critical to the well-being of our children, families, and communities. In order to recognize and support your commitment to providing a high quality early learning environment, early learning leaders and community partners in San Bernardino County have come together to develop a quality rating and improvement system, or QRIS, called **Quality Start San Bernardino County.**

What is Quality Start San Bernardino County?

Quality Start San Bernardino County is a program designed to help early care and education programs provide the highest quality early learning experiences possible. Quality Start San Bernardino County supports quality early learning by establishing standards that define what quality means and looks like for early care and education programs, and then rating programs using these standards.

As an educator, you will benefit greatly from participating in Quality Start San Bernardino County. Participation will provide you with quality improvement support, professional development opportunities, and access to a peer support network of early childhood educators who are committed to providing quality early learning. QRIS also connects parents with early childhood educators by making it easy for parents and caregivers to search for and find quality programs.

What does Quality Start San Bernardino County measure?

Quality ratings and improvement supports are based on a matrix, which evaluates early learning programs in the following areas:



Child Development and School Readiness:

Including appropriate learning activities and use of child observation tools and developmental and health screenings.



Teachers and Teaching:

Including lead teacher/family child care home provider qualifications and effectiveness of teacher-child interactions.



Program and Environment:

Including ratios and group size, assessment of the classroom environment, and center director qualifications.

Yes, Quality Start San Bernardino County benefits you!

Quality Start San Bernardino County is committed to supporting early childhood educators with resources and information to guide the ongoing quality improvement of your early learning program.

Educators who participate in Quality Start San Bernardino County will receive:

- **Quality Improvement Plan:** A customized plan to guide your quality improvement efforts.
- **Quality Improvement Support:** Coaching, professional development, and training opportunities that fit your needs.
- **Access to the Quality Start Users Group:** A peer support network of early childhood educators committed to quality early learning.
- **Recognition of Your Program:** Your commitment to quality will be recognized on the Quality Start website and as part of other outreach efforts.
- **Quality Rating:** Some participating early childhood programs will receive a quality rating to recognize their commitment to quality.

Learn more, get involved!

By participating in QRIS, you are joining a national movement to increase the number of quality early learning programs for children. To learn more about Quality Start San Bernardino County, or to sign up to participate, contact Victor Hernandez at (909) 252-4264 or victor.hernandez@cfc.sbcounty.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information on quality early learning, visit the Quality Start website at www.qualitystartsbcounty.org.



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