

LEARNING PAYS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The more we know, the better *they* grow.

Check your way to earning up to \$2,600!

The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) offers Qualified Workforce Incentives (QWI) that award money for achievement of formal early childhood education.

These are one-time awards per education benchmark paid directly to the teaching staff member or administrator.

Make sure you're eligible!

- ☐ You are a teaching staff member or administrator in an OEC-licensed center or group home.
- ☐ You have a current account in the Early Childhood Professional Registry.
- ☐ You have confirmed employment in your program for 6+ months.
- ☐ You have completed the one-time Care 4 Kids health and safety orientation.
- ☐ You have successfully completed one of the following:
 - ☐ Bachelor's degree or higher in Early Childhood Education (ECE); or
 - ☐ Bachelor's degree or higher in any field and at least 12 ECE credits; or
 - ☐ B level Early Childhood Teacher Credential (ECTC); or
 - ☐ Bachelor's degree or higher and CSDE ECE teaching endorsement; or
 - ☐ in 2015 were grandfathered as meeting the QSM Bachelor's degree goal (see your Registry Education and Training Report); or
 - ☐ CSDE administrator endorsement, such as 092, 093, or 074; or
 - ☐ Associate degree in ECE; or
 - ☐ A level ECTC; or
 - ☐ Current CDA Credential.

Make sure your OEC Registry is up to date!

- ☐ You've checked your files in the Registry to be sure your education documents are on file and up to date.
- ☐ You've checked your Education and Training Report.
 - ☐ Your education benchmark is listed.
 - ☐ Your one-time Care4Kids health and safety completion is noted.
- ☐ You've asked your supervisor if the program's Registry administrative access user has updated the Staff Confirmation page within the past 60 days.
 - ☐ Your job title is correct.
 - ☐ The age group you work with is correct.
 - ☐ The hours worked per week and weeks per year are correct.
- ☐ You've made sure all your information is correct.

Access the QWI application through your free Early Childhood Professional Registry:
www.OECregistry.org, [My Incentives](#).

Were you already awarded an incentive for meeting a benchmark but now meet a higher benchmark?
You may be eligible for another award! Make sure you uploaded your newly completed Early Childhood Education Associate or Bachelor's degree transcript into your Registry account and apply.

Thank you for all you bring to Connecticut's children and families!