

# 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.ccacregistry.org](http://www.ccacregistry.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!**

