

LEARNING PAYS!

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

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

**APPLY
TODAY!**

QUALIFIED TEACHING STAFF AND ADMINISTRATORS COULD GET



Who is eligible?

Teaching staff and administrators in OEC-licensed centers and group homes who:

- Have a current account in the OEC Early Childhood Professional Registry
- Have confirmed employment in your program for 6+ months
- Have completed the one-time Care 4 Kids health and safety orientation
- 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)
 - CSDE administrator endorsement, such as 092, 093, or 074
 - Associate degree in ECE or A level ECTC
 - Current CDA Credential

How much funding will I receive?

Awards range from \$250 to \$2,000; with bonuses up to \$600. Note that awards are taxable. These are one-time awards per education benchmark paid directly to the teaching staff member or administrator.

The base award amount will depend on part-time/full-time or part-year/full-year employment status.

Additional bonuses may be awarded based on:

- Your program's NAEYC accreditation status or Head Start approval
- Your program's location and Social Vulnerability Index rating
- The age group with which you work

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. Awards cannot be stacked. If a new level is achieved, you'll be paid the difference between awards.



**For more specifics, please visit:
ctoec.org/qwi**



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