

Quality Improvement Funds

Purpose of Quality Improvement Funds

Quality Improvement Funds have been developed and are administrated through Child Care Resource & Referral of Midwestern Illinois on behalf of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) to assist and support programs that are choosing to work towards or maintain an ExceleRate™ Illinois Circle of Quality. Funding for Quality Improvement Funds is provided by IDHS.

Accreditation Assistance

Accreditation is a voluntary process that provides child care programs within the State of Illinois the opportunity to examine their services based on recognized standards of high quality and best practices within early childhood education. The Accreditation Assistance option is for child care programs that are applying for or maintaining an ExceleRate™ Illinois Silver or Gold Circle of Quality.

ExceleRate™ Illinois Training Stipends

Licensed child care programs working towards or maintaining an ExceleRate™ Illinois Circle of Quality may apply for an ExceleRate™ Illinois training stipend. The stipend applies only to the required training within the ExceleRate™ Illinois Circle of Quality that the program is working towards or maintaining, and it is available only to the minimum staff required to attend the training.

ExceleRate™ Illinois Cohorts

A cohort is a group of individuals working towards a common goal. It not only provides an opportunity to learn and work on achieving the goal, but also provides an opportunity to develop relationships with your peers. Child Care Resource & Referral of Midwestern Illinois offers cohort groups for programs working to improve their quality of care by working towards or maintaining an ExceleRate™ Illinois Silver or Gold Circle of Quality. Upon completion of the cohort requirements and expectations--as well as the program's self-assessment--programs may request funds to help achieve objectives noted on the program's Continuous Quality Improvement Plan (CQIP).



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