

# Quality SISKIYOU Counts

## Why is Quality Important?

Research shows that children who attend high quality early childhood programs are happier, more confident, more successful, and better prepared for the future. These children often enter Kindergarten more focused, more comfortable in a school setting, and with skills to grow as learners. It is often easier for them to form friendships, cooperate, resolve conflict and express themselves clearly and effectively. In addition, they are more likely to graduate from high school, avoid juvenile delinquency, and earn higher salaries.

## What is **Quality Counts Siskiyou**?

Quality Counts Siskiyou (QCS) is a locally-implemented quality rating and improvement system (QRIS). It supports FFNs (family, friends, and neighbors that provide child care), playgroups, family child care homes, early childhood centers, and preschools that voluntarily commit to continuous quality improvement.

Center ratings (based on state and nationally recognized standards) provide an additional tool for families as they find the best setting for their child.

## PARENT RESOURCES

Click Below

[How to Choose High Quality Early Care and Education](#)

[Quality Counts Siskiyou Rating System and Rated Sites](#)

## PROVIDERS

**Quality Counts Siskiyou** offers incentives, classroom equipment and materials, coaching, professional development trainings, and peer learning opportunities.

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