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WAKE COUNTY QUALITY SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION


Presented by
Child Care Services Association
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- Program Overview
- Eligibility Criteria
- 2018-2019 Supplement Rates
- Payments
- Application Process
- Q&A




Program Overview

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- Purpose:
 - ▣ Support existing program quality
 - ▣ Incentivize quality improvement
 - ▣ Increase the number of quality facilities




FY19 Program Highlights

- 4 Only preschool age (3-5 year old) children will count towards your basic eligibility and determining your rate tier
 - Updated Admin Action Policy
 - No CLASS Additional Payment opportunity
 - Only budget for six months of payments as the Quality Supplements program will only run through December
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Eligibility Criteria

- 5 Operate within Wake County and Licensed by DCDEE
 - 4 or 5-star rated license
 - At least 6 Program Standard points
 - Serve at least 2* Wake County children **3-5 years old** on subsidy (*1 child for Family Child Care Homes)
 - No active Administrative Actions (excluding licensing fees)**
 - Documentation of parent co-payments/fees collection
 - Submission of comprehensive annual operating budget (new programs only)
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Eligibility Criteria – New Admin Action Policy

- 6 Quality Supplement payments will be suspended, for a minimum of one month for any Admin Action issued, except for those related to licensing fees.
 - If there has been at least one additional Admin Action related to Safety, Substantiated Child Maltreatment or Supervision in the prior two years, **Quality Supplement payments will be suspended for a minimum of 12 months.**
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NC FAST

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- Please note:
 - ▣ Children not reported on NC FAST attendance by NC FAST deadlines will not be included in determining the average number of pre-school-aged children served or in determining minimum eligibility.



Payments

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- Supplements will be issued by WCSS via direct deposit
- Payments transmitted on the last business day of each month
- Funds typically accessible by the 2nd business day of the following month



Payments

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- All supplement payments and rates are contingent on available funding
- Rates are subject to change within the program year
- Providers will be notified as soon as possible if there are changes expected to impact rates or payments
- Payments will be withheld for any child care facility on the NC Suspension of Funding List (SOFL).
 - ▣ Back-pay of payments withheld due to being on the SOFL will only occur if the facility is removed from the SOFL within 3 months.



Application Process

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- Materials are due **by** Wednesday, July 18th
- Applicants will be selected for participation on a **first-come, first-served basis**
- **All** programs should complete the following:
 - ▣ Provider Application and Agreement Form
 - ▣ Parent Fee Documentation Form
- New programs should also complete:
 - ▣ Annual Operating Budget
 - ▣ Direct Deposit ACH Authorization Form with original voided check
 - ▣ W-9



Application Process

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- Once a completed application is received and approved, you will receive a grant agreement from Wake County Smart Start. This grant agreement must be completed and returned before payments can begin.
- July payments will be bundled and paid out with August supplements due to the time required to collect and process applications and grant agreements. **Sites accepted to the program and eligible to receive July payments will receive them by the end of August.**



Questions?

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

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