



*Would you like to receive free materials to improve the quality of your child care facility?*

*Would you like to earn a higher star rating if you have a one-, two- or three-star facility?*

*Would you like someone to assess your classroom(s) to see how you can improve?*

*Would you like parents asking about all the wonderful changes in your facility?*

*If your answer is yes to these questions, you may want to apply for a Quality Enhancement grant from the Richmond County Partnership for Children.*

## Quality enhancement grants help facilities improve

The Richmond County Partnership for Children's Quality Enhancement program is designed to assist licensed child care facilities in improving their program and earning a higher star rating.

The Partnership's quality enhancement coordinator assesses each selected facility to identify the strengths and needs of the program and to develop a quality improvement plan, based on the environmental ratings scales. The coordinator then conducts workshops and trainings to help implement the plan.

Materials may be purchased for facilities enrolled in the program, and the quality enhancement coordinator will work with each facility to best implement their usage.

A staff education incentive may be awarded to facilities with one to three stars that meet additional eligibility criteria.

To apply for a quality enhancement grant, the facility must:

- Submit a completed application, available at the Partnership office
- Be a licensed child care facility in Richmond County serving children birth to age 5

- Have a signed memorandum of understanding
- Have its director and teachers attend the ITERS and ECERS training provided by the Partnership
- Be a one-, two- or three-star facility
- Participate in the intensive technical assistance component



- Have up to two staff members participating in the TEACH program, which the center is supporting
- Quality Enhancement grants are subject to the availability of funding.

*The Quality Enhancement program is administered through Richmond County Partnership for Children.*

*For more information, please call 910.997.3773.*



## Other provider services

The Richmond County Partnership for Children offers many other resources to child care providers. Please contact us about:

- Technical assistance
- TEACH program
- In-service training that meets state requirements
- Resource lending library
- Star enhancement program
- Start-up assistance

For more information on these programs, please call 910.997.3773.

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## *Partnership for Children*

The Partnership is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing programs to enhance the health, education and quality of life for children birth to age 5 and their families.

For more information,  
call 910.997.3773

or visit [www.richmondsmartstart.org](http://www.richmondsmartstart.org).

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