Child Care Quality System:  
Quality Observation Award

Goal:
Award child care programs for achieving high quality observation scores.

Eligibility:
- Licensed Center and Family Child Care Programs
- Received a CCQS Certified Quality Rating
- Received high quality scores in one or more observations conducted for the purpose of the certified quality rating, as follows:
  - An average score of 3.67 or higher on an ERS observation, with a minimum score of 4 on the Language and Books (ITERS and FCCERS)/ Language and Literacy (ECERS) subscale and a minimum score of 4 on the Interactions subscale;
  - A score of at least 3.5 points on an SAPQA observation if applicable

Quality Observation Award Plan:
- Eligible programs will be notified of this opportunity when their CCQS Certified Quality Rating is awarded.
- Eligible programs that complete an application by the last day of the program's certified rating period will receive a Quality Observation Award.
- Award is a set amount for each time in which a high quality observation score is achieved.

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<th>Observation Tool</th>
<th>Quality Observation Award per high quality classroom observation</th>
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<tr>
<td>Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS)</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS)</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
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<td>School Age Program Quality Assessment (SAPQA)</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS)</td>
<td>$1000 (maximum of two observations)</td>
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- Award amounts are issued once per year after the program’s annual CCQS Certified Quality Rating is awarded.