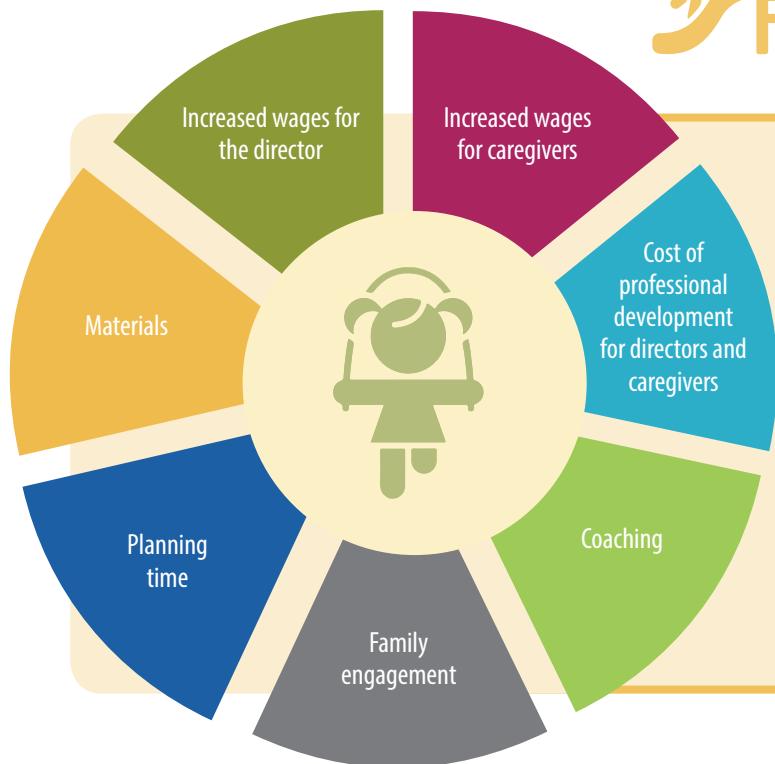


Child Care Quality System: Enhanced Subsidy Grants for Centers

Programs that are **High Quality or High Quality Plus** will receive an enhanced monthly subsidy grant for each subsidy child the program serves during the quality certification period.

The fixed monthly grant payment will be calculated based on the average monthly number of subsidy children cared for in the previous 12 months and multiplying that by the High Quality or High Quality Plus payment amount.



The grant payment compensates a program for its previous investments in quality. Once a child care program is High Quality or High Quality Plus and receives the enhanced grant payment, it will have discretion on how it utilizes these additional resources. Programs will not have to provide documentation of how the enhanced subsidy grant payment is used.

Programs will need to be High Quality or High Quality Plus at the beginning of each renewal period in order to continue receiving the enhanced subsidy grant payment. The average number of subsidy children will be recalculated at the beginning each renewal period.

The monthly amount for each subsidy child:

High Quality
\$175

High Quality Plus
\$200

Example of enhanced subsidy grant payment for a High Quality center provider that served an average of 25 subsidy children in the past 12 months:

Average number of subsidy children over past **12 months** = $25 \times \$175$ monthly enhanced subsidy grant payment = **\$4,375 per month** for 12-month certification period.

The CCQS emphasizes components of quality that support the best outcomes for children.

The Office of Child Care will provide an enhanced subsidy grant that compensates providers for those components of quality leading to the best outcomes for children. The amount of the enhanced subsidy grant considered fixed costs of quality (included at the left).

Enhanced subsidy grant payments will be:



A separate payment from the subsidy payment



Made the middle of the month



Deposited into the same bank account as subsidy payments