



Quality Counts!



- As an early childhood professional, you know that the early years are a critical period in a child's learning and development. By offering infants, toddlers and preschoolers high-quality early learning experiences you are shaping our community's future.
- The Coalition has developed **Quality Counts!** to help ensure that early childhood programs have the tools and resources necessary to offer the very best early learning experiences for children. The program is voluntary and open to any legally operating child care program serving children birth to 5. Programs are evaluated based on factors that influence children's development:
 - Ambitious Instruction
 - Supportive Environment
 - Collaborative Teachers
 - Effective Leaders
- Each program is evaluated using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) which measures the interactions between teachers and children (Ambitious Instruction and Supportive Environment). CLASS also serves as a roadmap for improving interactions by defining, in detail, the interactions that matter most in supporting children's learning.
- Participating programs are offered continuous opportunities for quality improvement through professional development (coaching and training). They may also be eligible for stipends and awards to help them improve.

To learn more...
 Attend a Quality Counts! Orientation - **register through <https://elchc.talentlms.com/index>**

DAY/DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, February 22, 2018	7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	ELCHC Institute for Early Childhood Professionals (IECP) 6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Ste 134, Tampa, FL 33614
Tuesday, March 06, 2018	10:00 am to 11:30 am	ELCHC Institute for Early Childhood Professionals (IECP) 6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Ste 134, Tampa, FL 33614

If you are already a participant in Quality Counts! and would like to receive additional support, join a Community of Practice (CoP). **Register for a CoP through <https://elchc.talentlms.com/index>**

CoP A	
3rd Monday Evening of the Month 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm ELCHC Institute for Early Childhood Professionals (IECP) 680 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 134, Tampa, FL 33614	Monday, February 19, 2018 Monday, March 19, 2018 Monday, April 16, 2018
CoP B	
4th Wednesday of the Month 10:00 am to 12:00 am ELCHC Institute for Early Childhood Professionals (IECP) 6800 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Suite 134, Tampa, FL 33614	Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Wednesday, March 28, 2018 Wednesday, April 25, 2018