

The Sonoma CARES Quality Counts Program is designed to improve the quality of early learning programs by focusing on education, preparation and retention of an effective and diverse workforce.

The program provides guidance, support and compensation incentives to child care professionals, in order to raise the quality of child care programs and, ultimately, to improve young children's learning and development outcomes in Sonoma County.

Description of the Financial Incentives

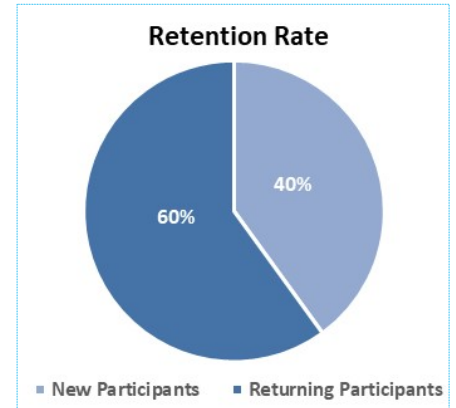
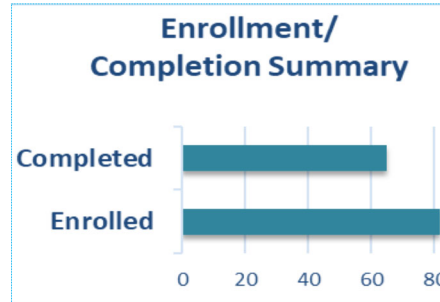
Spend

- \$100 per unit for all ECE units
- \$200 per unit for all GE units
- \$300 per unit for BA level classes

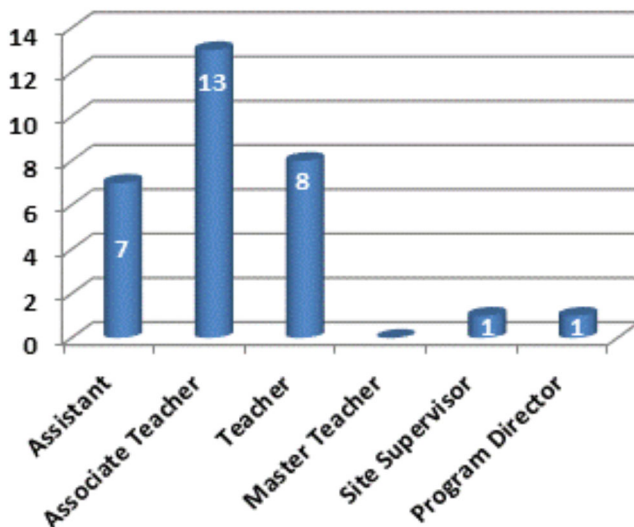
Bonuses

- For degree attainment
 - \$500 bonus for AA degree
 - \$1000 bonus for BA degree
- \$200 new/upgrade permit bonus
- \$500 returning participant bonus

Stipend Maximum: \$4,000



30 PARTICIPANTS APPLIED FOR OR RECEIVED A CA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

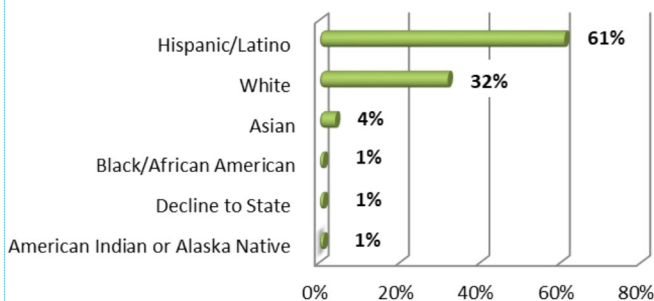


STIPENDS RECEIVED

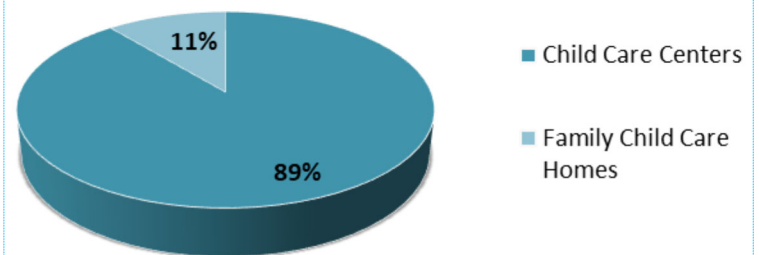
FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL COMPLETED	STIPENDS DISTRIBUTED
First 5	58	\$151,956
AB212	7*	\$18,100
TOTAL	65	\$170,056
Average stipend amount received in 2017-2018		\$2,616
Average stipend amount received in 2016-2017		\$1,462

Type of Coursework Completed	# of Participants	# of Units
ECE Units	25	154
General Education/Basic Skills/ESL	40	339
BA Units	19	409
Total	N/A	902

RACE/ETHNICITY



SITES REPRESENTED



* Does not reflect all AB212 eligible participants; 32 additional AB212 eligible participants successfully completed the program and were paid with First 5 funding.