

The CARES Plus (Round 2) Program is designed as a three-year program (2013/2014-2015/2016) 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

CORE Only Stipend

- \$500 for completion of required online trainings

Component A Stipend

- \$500 for completion of 21hrs of CDE approved training

Component B Stipend

- \$100 per ECE unit
- \$200 per ESL, GE or Basic Skills unit
- \$300 per unit for BA/MA level classes

Bonuses

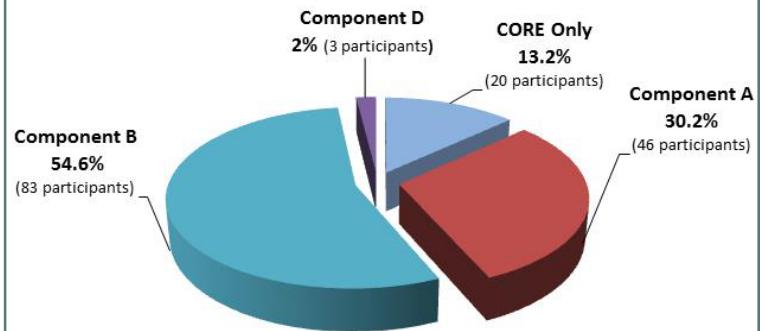
- For degree attainment
 - \$500 bonus for AA degree
 - \$1,000 bonus for BA degree
 - \$1,500 bonus for MA degree
- \$300 for completion of a Language and Literacy class
- Up to \$400 for Peer Cohorts participation
- \$300 for participation in the CLASS Random Assessment
- \$50 for returning the local Program Survey
- \$300 for Returning participants

Component D Stipend

- \$60 per cycle with a maximum of \$960

Stipend Maximum: \$4,000

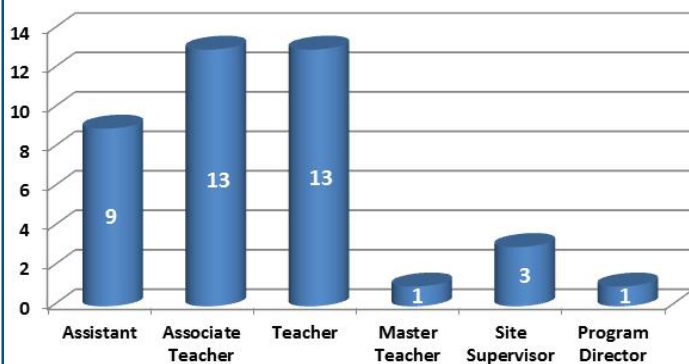
SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS BY COMPONENT



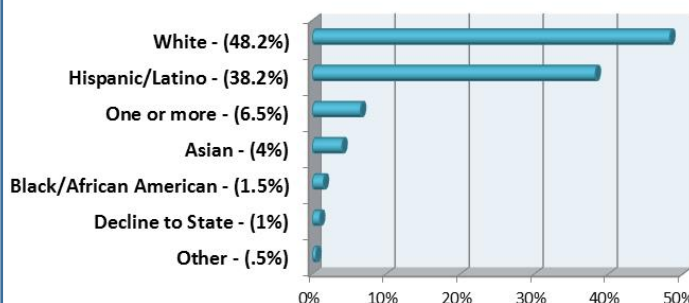
STIPENDS RECEIVED

FUNDING SOURCE	TOTAL ENROLLED	TOTAL COMPLETED	STIPENDS DISTRIBUTED
First 5	151	142	\$261,505
AB212	48	10 *	\$20,350
Totals	199	152	\$281,855
Average stipend amount received in 2013-2014		\$ 1,854	
Average stipend amount received in 2012-2013		\$ 2,354	

40 SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPANTS APPLIED FOR OR RECEIVED A CALIFORNIA CHILD DEVELOPMENT PERMIT



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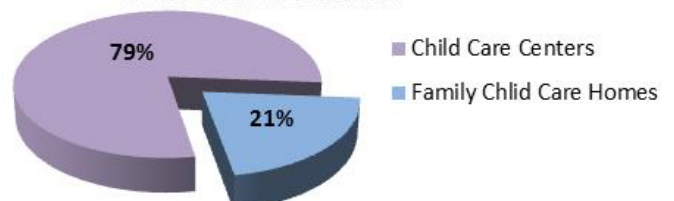


COMPONENT B STATISTICS

Type of Coursework Completed	# of Participants	# of Units
ECE Units	46	353
Basic Skills/GE/ESL Units	42	325
BA/MA Units	19	354
Total	N/A	1032

Type of Degrees Earned	# of Participants
AA	5
BA	6
MA	2
Total	13

SITES REPRESENTED



* Does not reflect all AB212 eligible participants; 38 additional AB212 eligible participants successfully completed the program and were paid with First 5 funding.