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Sacramento

Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

Child Action, Inc.

Contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency using the website information here to access the child care search tool or call 1-800-KIDS-793 (1-800-543-7793) for more information and support.

County Program Profile: Sacramento

The QCC County Program Profile provides county data from the Common Data File (CDF) and the Annual Progress Report (APR). For counties that are a part of a consortium, the QCC County Program Profile provides a combined view of the CDF and APR. Both qualitative and quantitative data are presented to provide a local view of early learning and care climate.

QRIS :: Raising Quality Together



Raising Quality Together (RQT), Sacramento County's voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), serves programs in Sacramento County and is administered by the Sacramento County Office of Education

(www.sacramentocountyearlylearning.org). Since 2012, more than 220 QRIS/Quality Improvement System (QIS) sites have been rated and/or received support to improve

quality. Sacramento County's QRIS has five point levels and measures all seven elements of program quality included in the Quality Continuum Framework. The CA-QRIS Rating Matrix is based on three core areas: (1) Child

Development and School Readiness, (2) Teachers and Teaching, and (3) Program and Environment. In 2016–2017 programs participating in the QRIS California State Preschool Program (CSPP) and earning a Tier 4 or 5 rating were eligible to receive up to \$8,900 per classroom in the form of a block grant; those earning a tier rating of 1–3 received a monetary incentive of up to \$3,000.

Sites rated in the QRIS Infant/Toddler Grant were eligible for a block grant of up to \$7,500 after earning a Tier 4 or 5 rating, or a monetary incentive of up to \$5,900 with a tier rating of 1–3; and those participating, but unrated, were eligible for up to \$900 in instructional materials for their program.

In 2016–2017 sites rated in IMPACT, achieving a Tier 4 or 5 rating, were eligible for a block grant of up to \$4,900; those achieving at a Tier 1–3 rating were eligible for a monetary incentive of up to \$1,580.

Step 1 participants receive numerous professional learning opportunities related to the CA-QRIS Rating Matrix and individualized technical assistance based on a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) they complete with a RQT mentor annually. Administrators and family child care owners also have access to the Early Learning Administrators Leadership Academy (ELALA), which is a cohort held over the course of several months strengthening leadership, management, and relationship-building skills. Annually, there is an event held for program staff to have their transcripts reviewed as they pursue degree completion.

Step 2 participants receive all of Step 1 supports as well as reimbursement for college coursework completed toward an early childhood degree, and instructional materials to improve their program environment and teaching practices.

Step 3 participants receive all of Step 2 supports and on-site mentoring, eligibility for block grants and monetary incentives, Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) assessments, and a Rating Recognition and Communication kit that includes a poster and documents to facilitate the explanation of their tier rating with families and the community.

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Funding Streams

- QRIS CSPP
- QRIS I/T

- CMIG IMPACT
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Partner Agencies

- Child Action, Inc.
 - First 5 Sacramento
 - Los Rios Community College District
 - California State University, Sacramento
 - Brandman University
 - SETA Head Start
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Process to Outreach/Onboard Programs and Providers

Raising Quality Together (RQT) provides information on our website, presents information at appropriate gatherings and meetings, and recruits individually with phone calls and in-person visits. Individual recruitment takes place from August to September, and website and outreach takes place throughout the year. Interest letters are submitted by returning and new sites, and orientations are held to provide information on what RQT is about. Currently, we accept all interested sites, with priority given to sites that are in Local Planning Council–identified zip codes and providers serving low-income, dual language learner, and special needs children. California State Preschool Program (CSPP) sites are also given priority for participation in QRIS. When we have a waitlist, the information submitted by the interested programs are evaluated by the management team, and sites are invited to participate based on where they fall in the required priority areas.

Quality Improvement Program Support Strategies

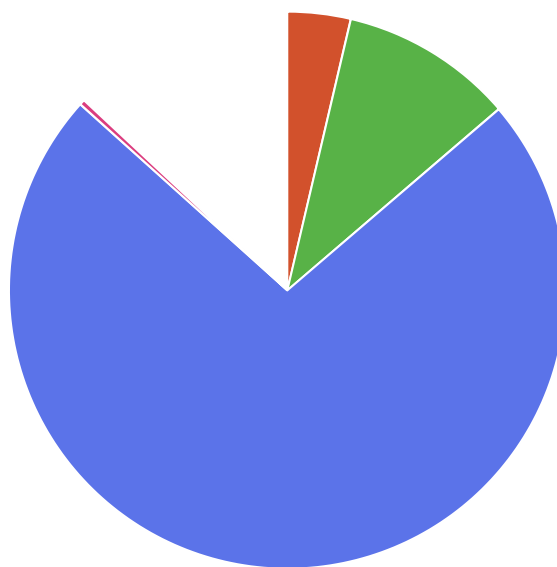
Raising Quality Together (RQT) provides professional learning, reimbursement for college coursework and approved online professional learning, coaching/mentoring, and guidance in Quality Improvement Plan development, implementation, and monitoring. Professional learning is developed based on the Rating Matrix as well as on areas of need as indicated by ERS or CLASS assessments or validation results.

Local Approach to Offering Financial Incentives and Stipends

Currently, Raising Quality Together (RQT) offers Block Grants to all sites with a Tier 4 or 5 rating and cash incentives to sites that rate a Tier 3 annually. College coursework and approved online professional learning reimbursement are also available each semester for individuals who are not eligible for or participating in other state-funded reimbursement programs.

How Children Are Served by QCC

Number of children served by age groups
Total number of children served = 13,252

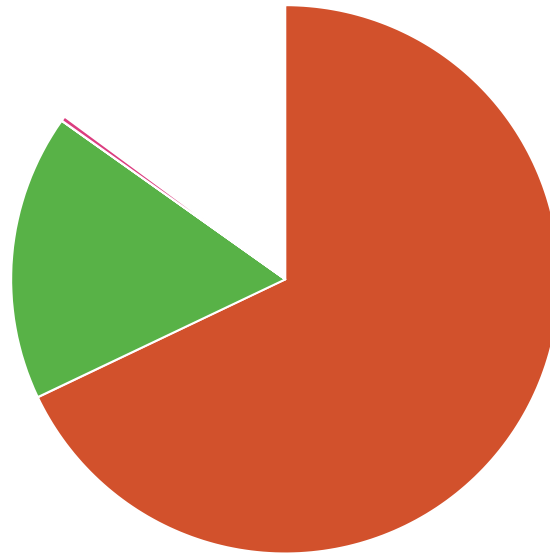


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QCC Settings

Early care and education (ECE) providers participating in QCC ☰

A total of 287 early care and education (ECE) providers participated in QCC last year.



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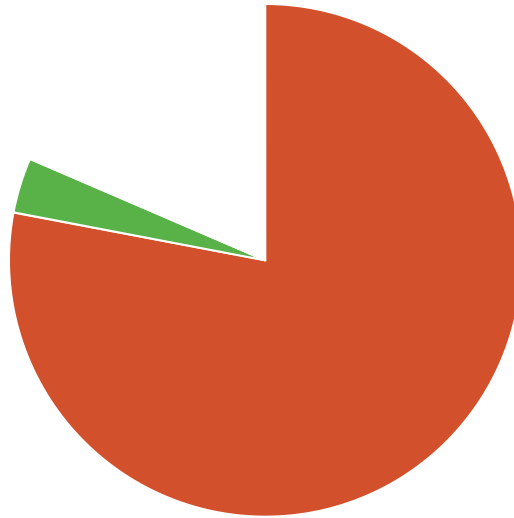
Alternative Settings



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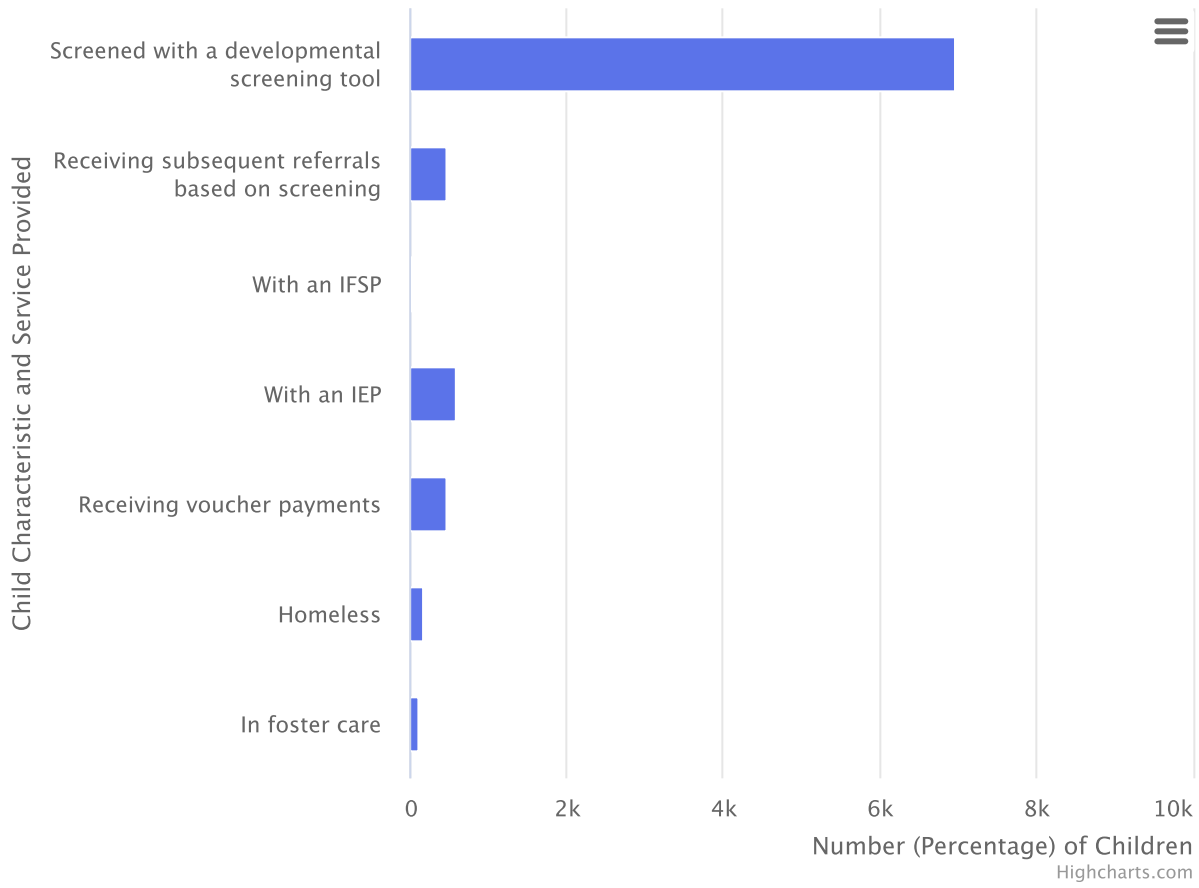
Children Served by Setting

A total of 13,252 children are served by sites participating in QCC.

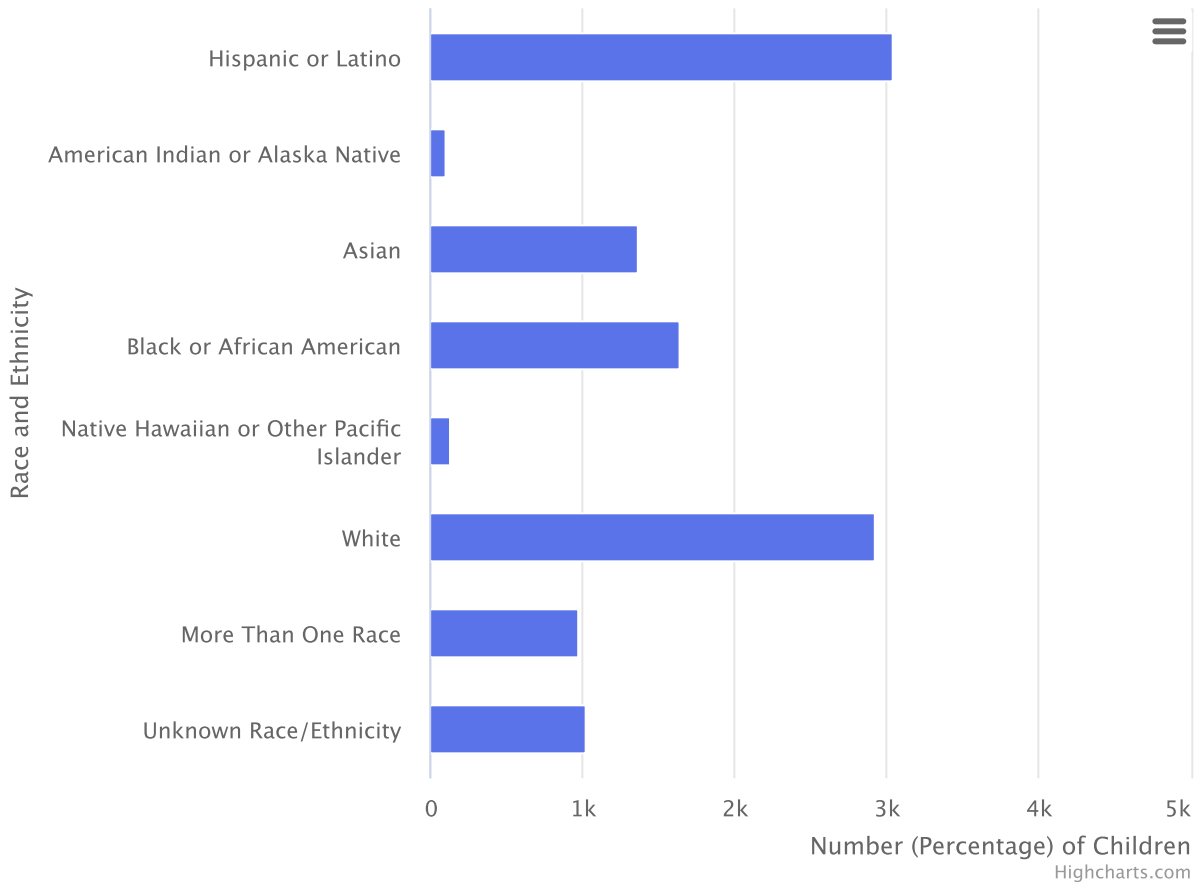


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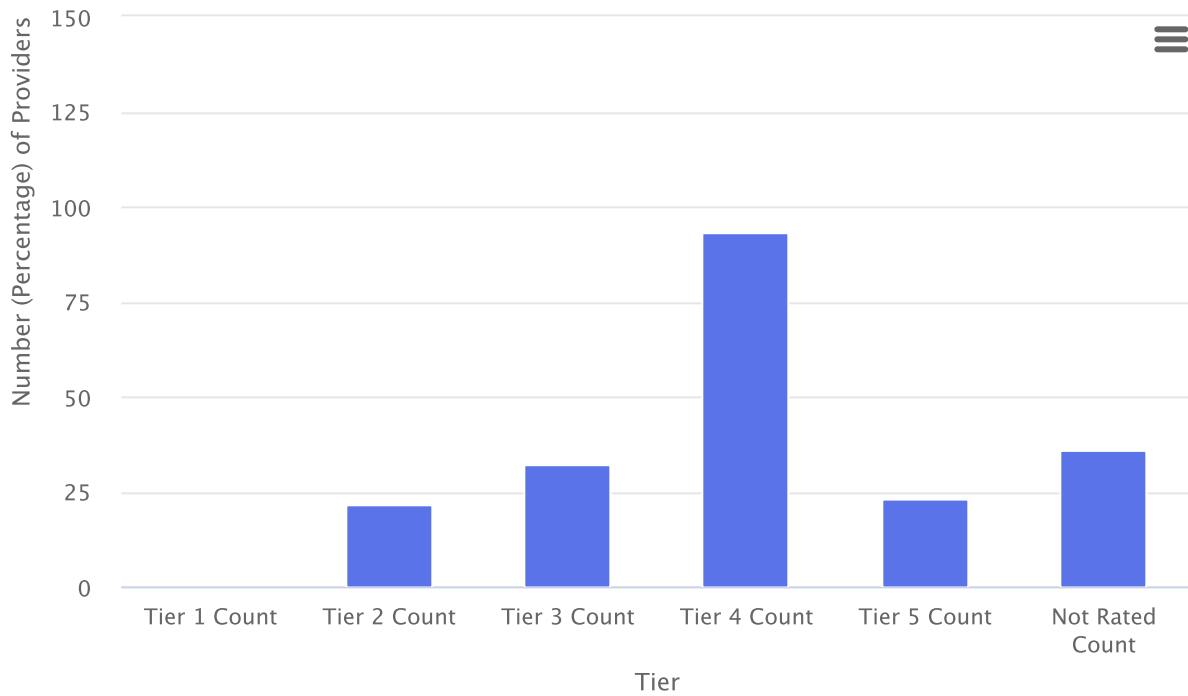
Overall Child Characteristics and Services Provided



Children’s Races and Ethnicities



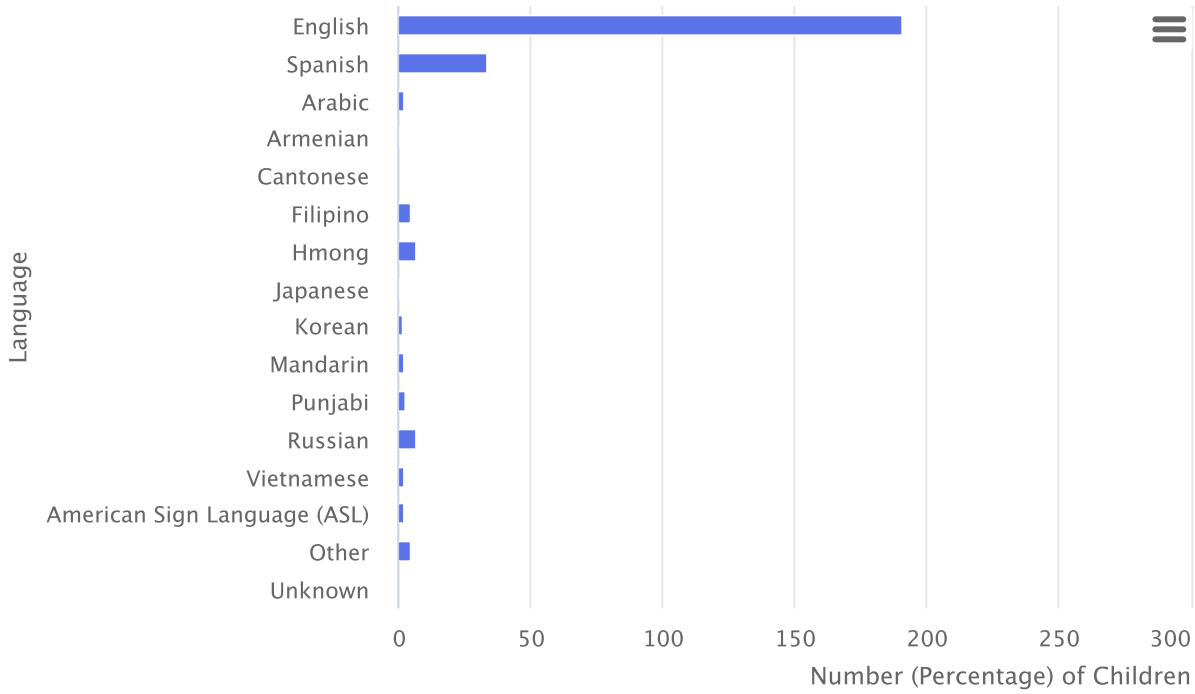
QCC Tier Rating Distribution



Footnote 1: Providers receive tier ratings based on how well they meet program standards and guidance, which follow three core areas (1) Child Development and School Readiness, (2) Teacher Qualifications and Teacher Interactions, and (3) Program Leadership and Learning Environment. Tier ratings help providers identify areas for improvement and find ways to sustain success.

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Language Spoken with Children

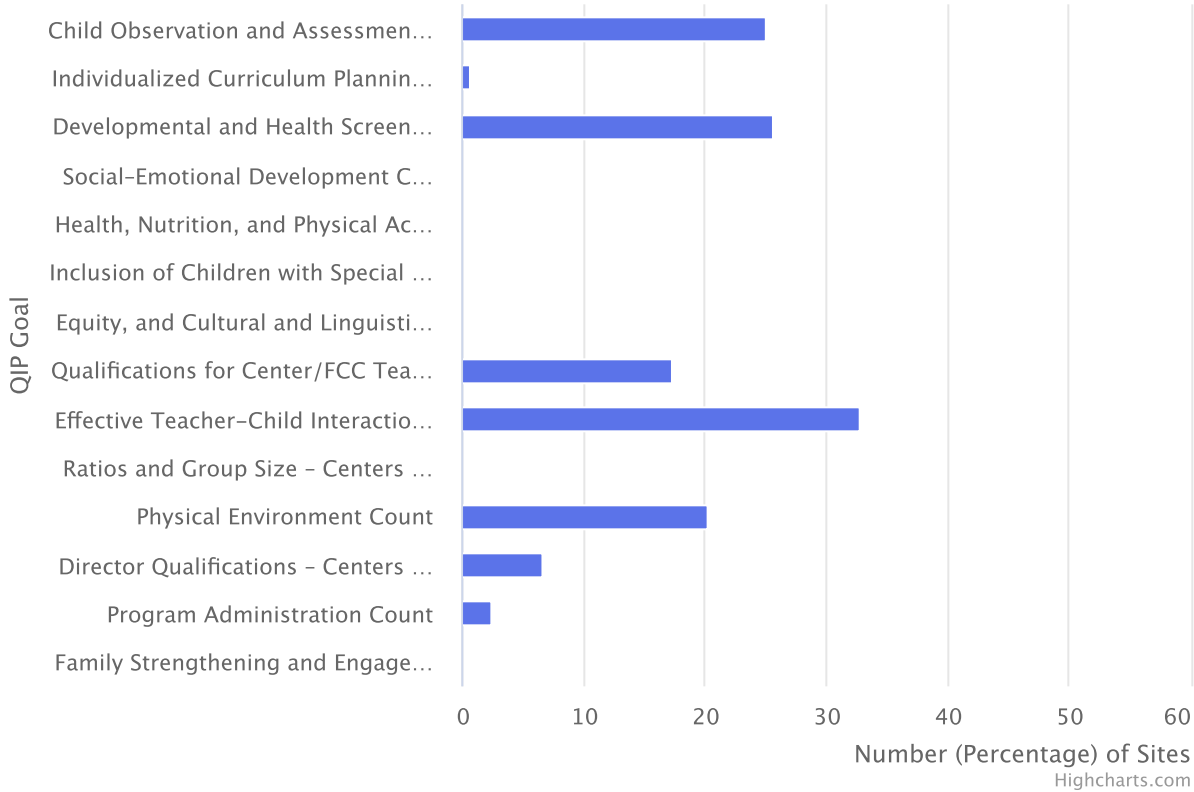


Footnote 1: QCC providers aim to develop and support children's early language skills. Providers at the QCC settings reported using the following languages for instruction with children. Many sites provide instruction in more than one language, thus, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

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Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) Goals

QCC supports quality improvement for early learning and care programs. The table below shows the most common QIP goals for this region. 



Testimonial

ELALA is just amazing. You ladies came with resources, and the information is just so valuable every year and the fact that we get to connect with other administrators is just so helpful. I'm learning so much every year and love coming back. Can't wait till next year.

Center Director

Success Story

A Center Director shared: The program at the Playschool and I both very much appreciate all the mentoring, classes, and trainings RQT has provided. We can honestly say that the RQT program has helped enable us to reach the high quality that we desire at the program at the Playschool and we cannot thank the staff enough for all their hard work and dedication to this field. Thank you!

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