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Sonoma

Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies

Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County

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: Sonoma

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 :: Quality Counts



Quality Counts is the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for early care and education programs in Sonoma County. Funded by First 5 California, First 5 Sonoma County, and the California Department of Education, Quality Counts helps improve early care and education in our community by:

- Giving early educators valuable tools and one-on-one coaching for improving their programs
- Establishing uniform standards of excellence in early care

- Assisting parents to make well-informed decisions about the quality of care their children receive
- Improving outcomes for children who attend higher-quality care throughout Sonoma County

Quality is rated using the CA-QRIS Quality Continuum Framework Rating Matrix and additional local rating guidelines for achieving Tier 5.

County Contact Information

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Funding Streams

- CDE QRIS Block Grant
- CDE I/T Block Grant
- First 5 CA IMPACT
- First 5 Sonoma County Prop 10 funds

Partner Agencies

- Community Child Care Council
- River to Coast Children's Services
- Sonoma County Office of Education
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- Community Action Partnership
- Children and Family Circle
- Sonoma State University
- STARS Preschools
- Sonoma County Human Services Department
- Early Learning Institute

Process to Outreach/Onboard Programs and Providers

Outreach is conducted via informational meetings from local resource and referral agencies (R&Rs); workshops and individual referrals at R&Rs; referrals from local partner Early Learning Institute; conferences and local events; and partner websites.

Quality Improvement Program Support Strategies

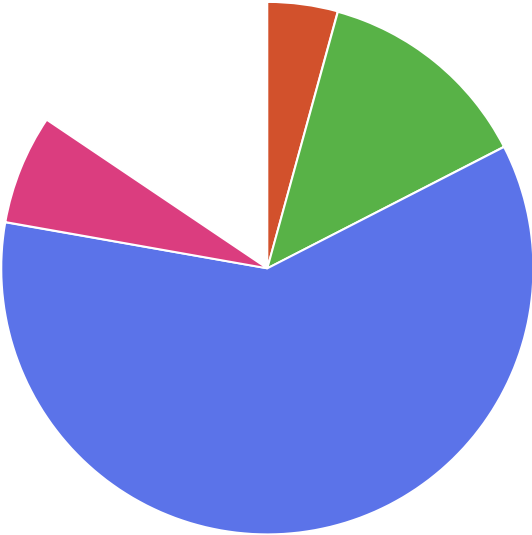
Each site is assigned a coach who checks in monthly and then twice a year after rating. Trainings and resources are shared via email, websites, and on Facebook.

Local Approach to Offering Financial Incentives and Stipends

Sites receive incentives after rating based on tier level. Providers receive gift card incentives at trainings. Providers participate in the CARES program to receive support for professional development and education. First 5 offers mini-grants for sites just getting started or to fund a specific project.

How Children Are Served by QCC

Number of children served by age groups
Total number of children served = 3,774



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QCC Settings

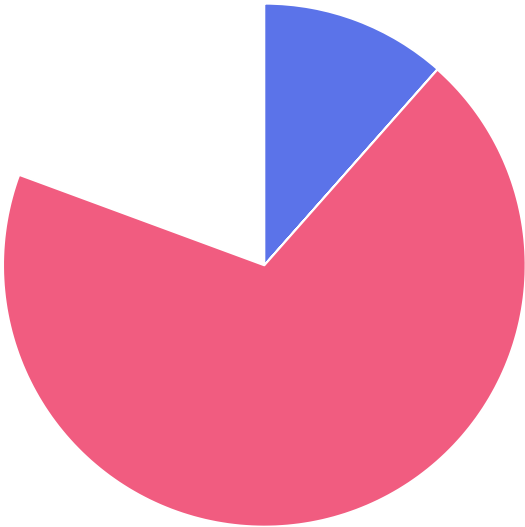
Early care and education (ECE) providers participating in QCC

A total of 111 early care and education (ECE) providers participated in QCC last year.



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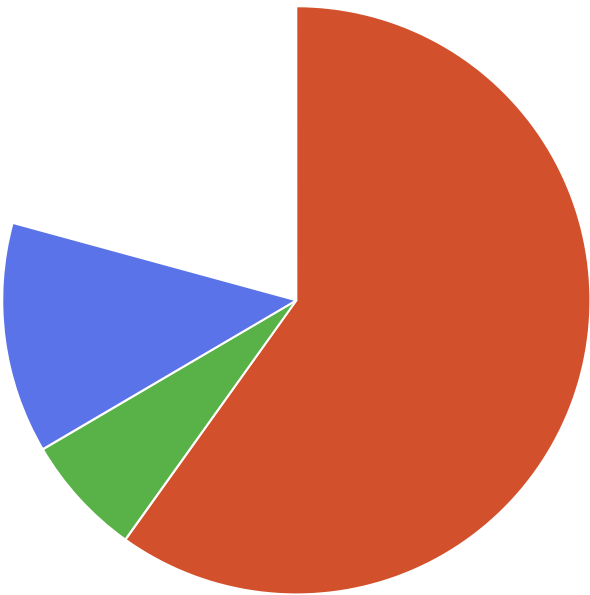
Alternative Settings



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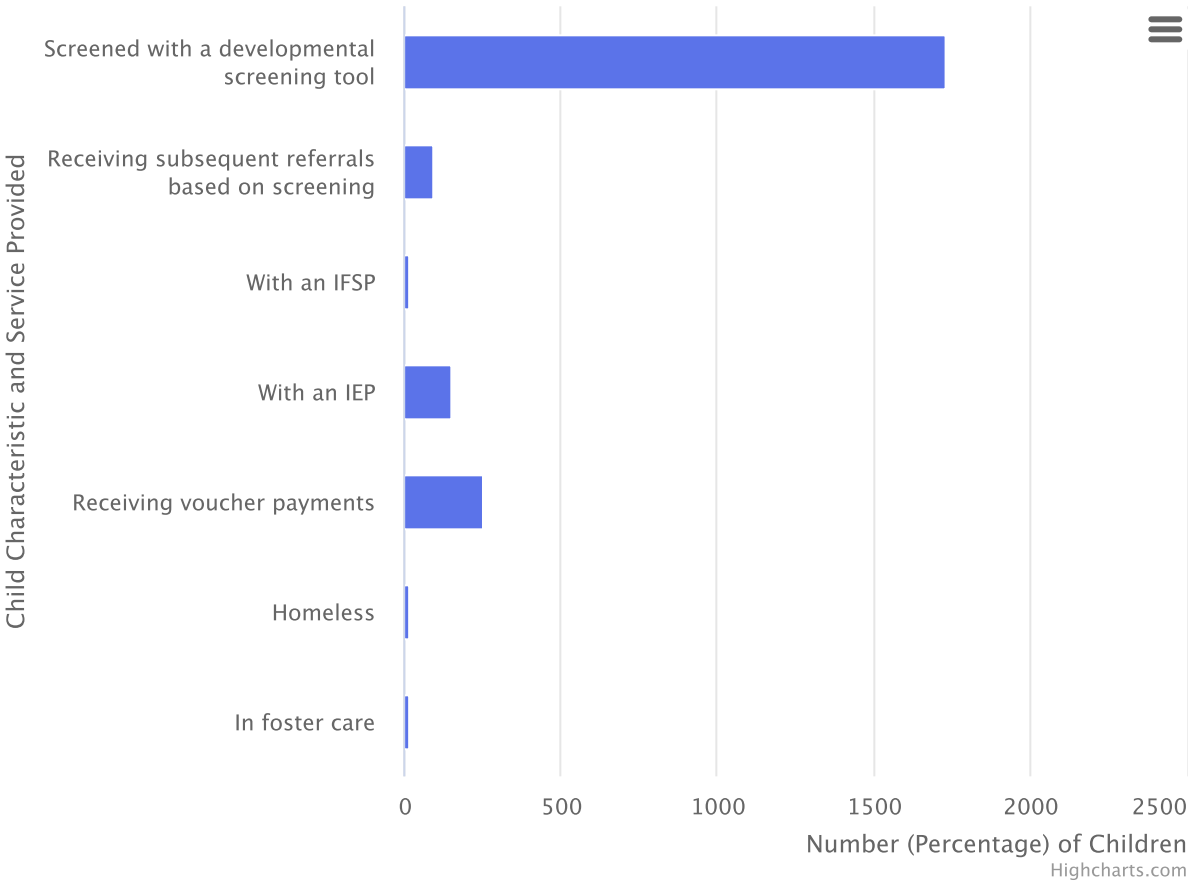
Children Served by Setting

A total of 3,774 children are served by sites participating in QCC.

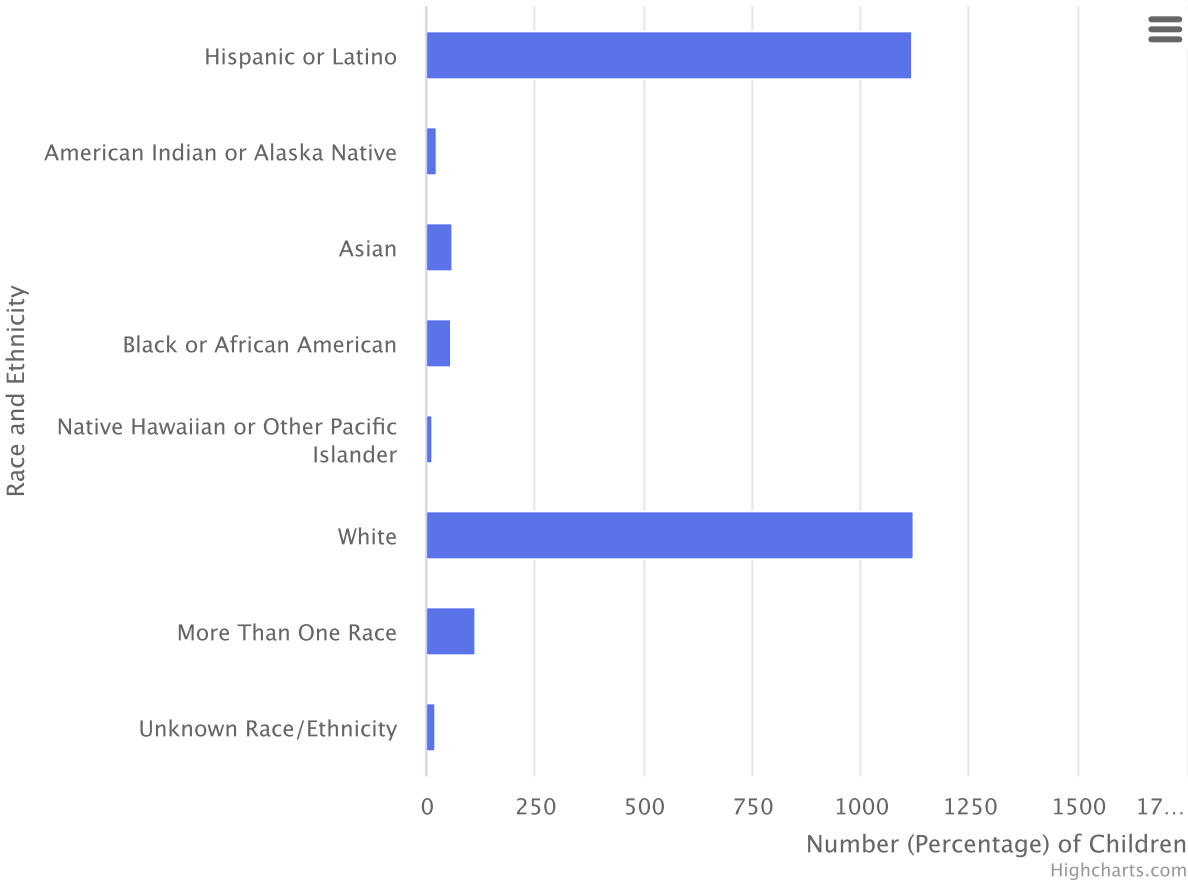


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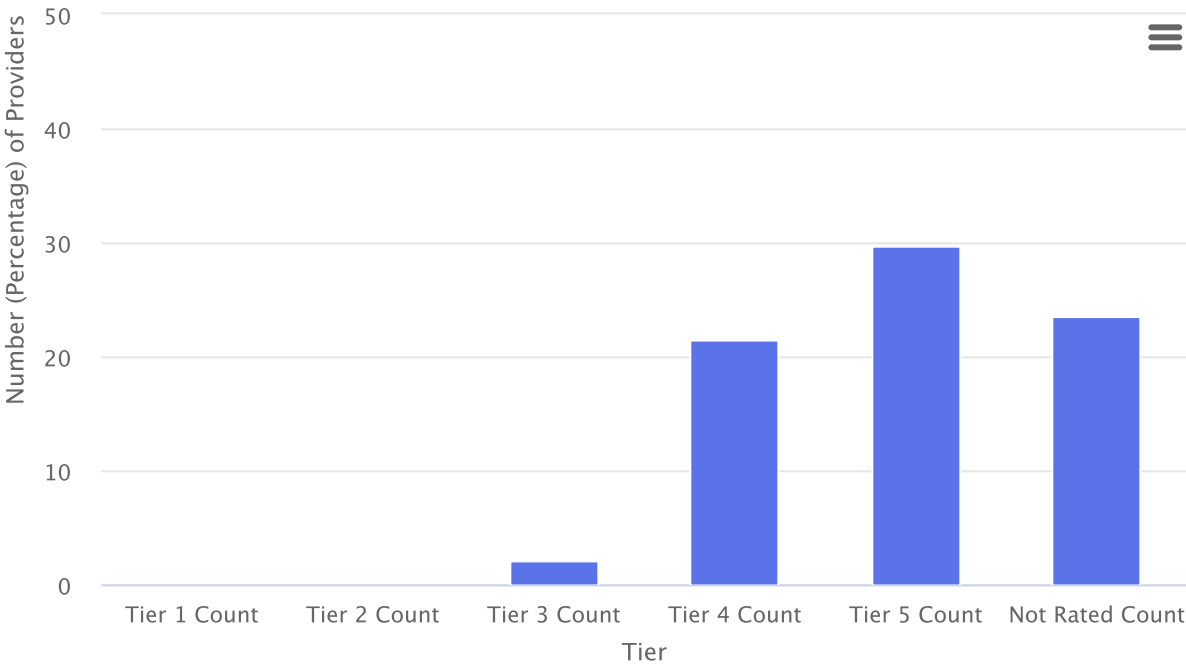
Overall Child Characteristics and Services Provided



Children’s Races and Ethnicities



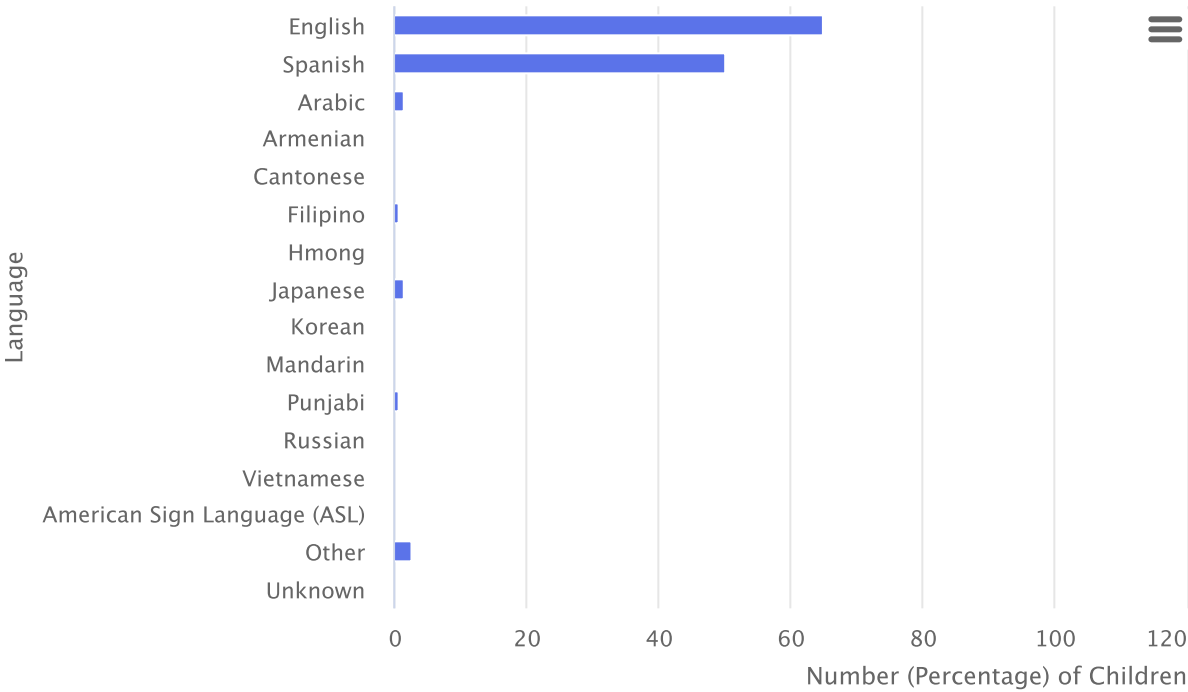
QCC Tier Rating Distribution



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

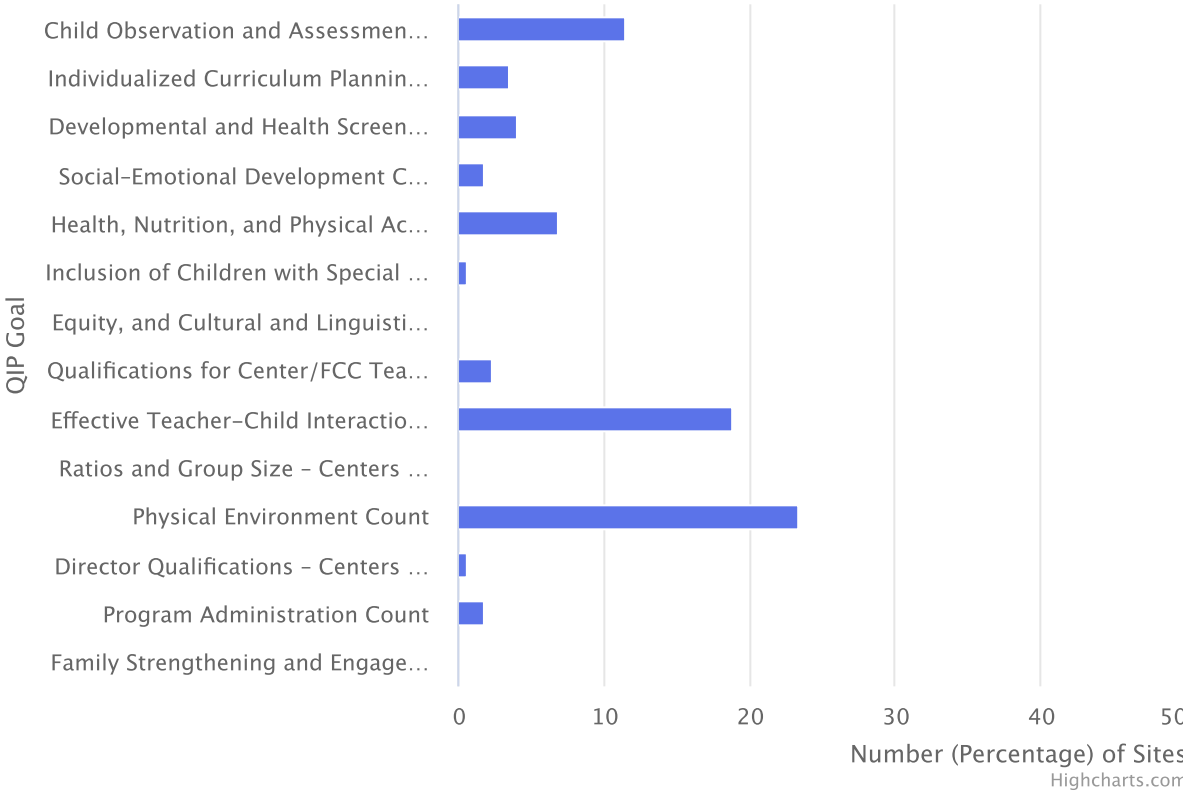


Footnote 1: QCC providers aim to develop and support children's early language skills. Providers at the QCC settings reported using the following languages for instruction with children. Many sites provide instruction in more than one language, thus, the percentages may add up to more than 100%.

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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

The ability to support early childhood educators on being their absolute best is something I am proud of. Working towards making the standard higher by using recognized tools (ERS & CLASS) coupled with coaches who care so very much makes it a wonderful program to be a part of.

Assessor

Success Story

A Center Director shared: Our program has been rated twice and both times were rated at 5 stars, which was very validating for staff. The biggest accomplishment for us was the ability to move forward with NAEYC Accreditation. The process took us about 18 months and was an excellent way for staff to work together to look at our program's strengths and weaknesses. We have felt really good about achieving this accreditation and maintaining it. We are hopeful that support will be continued for NAEYC so that preschools and child care centers can work towards the highest standards of quality.

A Provider shared: Children in every Quality Counts Program are now being screened with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire—providers better understand the screening and parents better understand the results.

A Provider shared: We have built a network where assessments are valued, coaches are supports, and providers are empowered thereby strengthening the ECE community collaboration in this county.

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