



Quality Investment Initiative: *Licensed Plus 2.0 Pilot Program*

Southern New Hampshire Services is pleased to be able to continue providing the Quality Investment Initiative (QII), with the generous support of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. This engaging initiative will assist programs through achieving a higher level of program quality for Licensed Plus 2.0, the Preparatory Level, for the newly revised and enhanced Quality Rating and Improvement System. Join us to become part of this unique opportunity as we strive together to increase access to high quality early childhood environments and experiences for families.

Criteria for Quality Investment Initiative

- Be from an Early Childhood Child Care Center or Preschool Program licensed by the New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Unit.
- Be enrolled or be willing to become enrolled to accept the Child Care Development Fund Scholarship. If enrolled, be willing to increase the amount of child care opportunities available to families receiving scholarship.
- Be willing to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with SNHS to participate.
- Be able to ensure staff commitment to the initiative as outlined in the MOA.

Selection & Notification Process

The in-house selection process will be based on regional location and programs' willingness and ability to provide care for low income families. Applications will be due by January 16, 2018. Programs will be selected and notified by January 18, 2018. This initiative runs until July 31, 2018. All participating programs will be listed in the Child Care Aware of NH's e-newsletter in January.

If you have questions or would like to learn more contact Suzanne Regan, the Quality Investment Training & TA Specialist at (603) 486-7329 or email: sregan@snhs.org.

Application Due Date: January 16, 2018



What does the Quality Investment Initiative Licensed Plus 2.0 Pilot Program look like? Through a supportive peer cohort model, programs will:

- Be one of the first programs to Pilot Licensed Plus 2.0, the Preparatory Level, for the newly revised and enhanced Quality Rating and Improvement System for the State of NH.
- Create a Quality Improvement plan including SMART goals and action steps that explains how your program will complete this process.
- Complete requirements for eight high quality care categories by attending specified trainings.
- Have the Director and at least 20% of staff complete specified training in each of the eight high quality categories. (It does not have to be the same 20% of staff for each category.)
- Have the Director and at least 20% of staff credentialed in the NH Early Childhood Professional Development System.
- Have 100% of teaching staff enrolled in the NH Professional Registry and have completed the employment and education sections.
- Have the opportunity to provide feedback to the Child Development Bureau about the Licensed Plus 2.0 process.
- Complete and submit a new Quality Improvement Plan with updated SMART goals and action steps to ensure the program's commitment to continuous quality care three months after achievement of Licensed Plus 2.0, Preparatory Level.

Benefits of Participation in the Quality Investment Initiative: Licensed Plus 2.0 Pilot Program

- Be the first in the state to complete the Pilot of Licensed Plus 2.0, Preparatory Level.
- Have the ability to access technical assistance, professional development, training hours, resources and support on the initiative.
- Have the ability to earn hours of professional development for each participating staff member.
- Have the ability to earn a Certificate of Completion for the Quality Investment Initiative Licensed Plus 2.0 Pilot Program upon fulfilling requirements.
- Have the ability to provide and promote team building experiences and mentorship opportunities for staff to improve program morale, culture and quality of services provided.
- Have the ability to connect with other programs through cohorts to provide mentorship and ongoing support as your program reaches these quality designations.
- Have the ability to collaboratively work with the Quality Investment Training and TA Specialist and Quality Investment Mentors on achieving a higher level of quality.



Quality Investment Initiative: *NAEYC Accreditation Program*

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What does the Quality Investment Initiative: NAEYC Accreditation Program Look like?

Through the use of a supportive, cohort model and peer mentorship, programs will be able to collaboratively work on the NAEYC self-assessment piece of the accreditation process.

Benefits of Participation in the Quality Investment Initiative: NAEYC Accreditation Program

- Have the ability to access technical assistance, professional development, resources and support on the initiative.
- Have the ability to earn a Certificate of Completion for the Quality Investment Initiative NAEYC Accreditation Program upon submission of self-assessment.
- Have the ability to provide and promote team building experiences and mentorship opportunities for staff to improve program morale, culture and quality of services provided.
- Have the ability to connect with other programs through cohorts to provide mentorship and ongoing support as your program reaches these quality designations.
- Have the ability to collaboratively work with the Quality Investment Training and TA Specialist and Quality Investment Mentors on achieving a higher level of quality.
- Have monetary support to be used in the cost of accreditation and/or to cover costs associated with documentation.

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