

# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A \$500 BONUS?

Child Care Providers with a Published Rating on [GreatStartToQuality.org](http://GreatStartToQuality.org) may qualify (find out below)



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The free, 24/7, one-stop resource that helps you get the best for your child and the most for your money.

## What is a Participation Bonus?

The Participation Bonus is a \$500 incentive that rewards child care providers for receiving a Great Start to Quality published rating. Participation Bonuses are made possible through Michigan's Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant. The goal of the Race to the Top- Early Learning Challenge Grant is to support efforts to ensure that greater numbers of children with high needs are able to access high quality early learning and development programs.

## Are you eligible for a Participation Bonus?

To be eligible, a child care provider must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- ★ Be a licensed or registered child care provider or preschool program, in good standing with Child Care Licensing.
- ★ Have not received a Participation Bonus previously.
- ★ Have received a published rating on [www.greatstarttoquality.org](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org), on or after August 3, 2015.
  - Published rating may be an initial rating or received through Re-rating or Reassessment.
- ★ Have created or completed a Quality Improvement Plan on the Great Start to Quality STARS platform.
  - Applicable **only** for programs exclusively offering the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) as a non-Community Based Organization (CBO).

## How can Participation Bonus funds be used?

Programs receiving funds through the Participation Bonus will use them to improve program quality. For assistance determining areas for program quality improvement, contact your local Great Start to Quality Resource Center by calling 1.877.614.7328.

## How long will the Participation Bonuses be available?

Participation Bonuses will be available through the end of the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant (December 2017) or until set-aside funds are depleted.

## How do providers apply for a Participation Bonus?

Providers are required to submit an application for the Participation Bonus online at <http://greatstarttoquality.org/provider-participation-bonus>.

### For more information:

- Contact your local Great Start to Quality Resource Center by calling 1.877.614.7328
- Visit [GreatStartToQuality.org](http://GreatStartToQuality.org) to learn more about Great Start to Quality

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