

# ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A \$500 PARTICIPATION BONUS?

**Child Care Providers with a published rating on Great Start to Quality may qualify**  
(more info below)



For more information, visit  
[www.greatstarttoquality.org](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org)

Contact your local Great Start to Quality Resource Center  
by calling 1-877-614-7328

## 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. Funding for Participation Bonuses specifically support the goal to increase participation in Great Start to Quality, Michigan's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

## 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 received a published rating on [www.greatstarttoquality.org](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org), on or after June 1, 2017.
  - Published rating may be an initial rating or received through Re-Rating or Reassessment
  - Your published rating date is exactly two years prior to your program's expiration date. Your program's expiration date can be found on the Great Start to Quality STARS platform, on your program's self-assessment survey page.
- ★ Served at least one child receiving a child care subsidy (Child Development and Care subsidy) in the last six months.

## 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 until set aside funds for this activity are depleted. Updates on the number of Bonuses remaining can be found on [www.greatstarttoquality.org](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org).

## How do providers apply for a Participation Bonus?

Providers are required to submit an application for the Participation Bonus online at [http://ecic.formstack.com/forms/participation\\_bonus\\_2018](http://ecic.formstack.com/forms/participation_bonus_2018).

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