



**COLORADO
SHINES**
START EARLY
START STRONG
QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

**Apply today for grant funds
to help your program SHINE!**

Hardship Quality Improvement Grants

Eligibility: Level 1 Programs with a CCCAP Fiscal Agreement



Level 1 programs with a CCCAP fiscal agreement are eligible when committed to reaching Level 2 within five months after signing the MOU or by April 15, 2021, whichever is earlier.

Eligibility: Level 2-5 Rated Programs without a CCCAP Fiscal Agreement



Level 2 programs without a CCCAP fiscal agreement are eligible when committed to earning a high quality rating (Level 3-5) by June 2021.



Level 2, 3, 4, or 5 programs without a CCCAP fiscal agreement are eligible when they want to enter into a CCCAP fiscal agreement. Grant funds would allow program to reach this goal within five months after signing MOU or by April 15, 2021, whichever is earlier.



Level 3, 4, or 5 programs without a CCCAP fiscal agreement who have a Level 3-5 rating expiration date before July 1, 2020, are eligible if they want to earn their Level 3, 4, or 5 rating by June 30, 2021.

Coaching

- Level 1 and 2 programs can utilize funds to complete a readiness assessment.
- Level 3, 4, and 5 programs can utilize coaching to reaching their desired quality improvement goals.

PD & Temporary Teacher Funds

Receive reimbursement for professional development (PD) activities for professionals in your program, including Early Childhood Education college coursework, training, and conferences - AND provides for paying substitute teachers when your staff engage in PD.

Early Learning Materials

Grant funds can be used to purchase early learning materials for your program, including classroom items such as non-consumable materials.

To Apply: Log into your program's Colorado Shines account. Click on the Quality Improvement tab, and then on QI Incentives. For application assistance or information about eligibility, please contact **Alliance for Kids:** Tina Fennell, QI Assistant Navigator at FFennell@allianceforkids.org or 719.291.8112. **Important:** This is a one-time hardship award only issued to programs once in the time of their license to help meet the outlined quality improvement criteria.