



# Program incentives

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**Programs** who enroll in Paths to QUALITY™ will be eligible to participate in specialized coaching relationships with their local Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) agency. Through a technical assistance process, the coach will help the program work to achieve Levels 2 and 3. Programs also have the option of choosing self-guided study.

**All programs** who enroll in the Paths to QUALITY™ system will receive a Participation Incentive. Programs choosing to be coached will receive the participation incentive at the time of their first visit. Programs who choose self-guided study will receive the participation incentive during their Self-Guided Study Start-Up Session.

**Enrolled programs** who successfully complete Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for one time non-cash Recognition Awards upon attainment of each level.

**Programs** who achieve Level 3 and desire to move on to Level 4, which includes becoming accredited by an approved national accrediting body, will be eligible for financial support and technical assistance. The amount of financial support is based on need and the number of children enrolled in a program. Support is available to assist with the accrediting process, the validation/endorsement phase, and/or equipment needed to meet the accreditation criteria.

**After completing** the standards for Level 4, programs are eligible for a special one time cash Recognition Award to recognize their achievement of the highest level of quality.

**An Annual Level 4 Accreditation Maintenance Award** will be given to programs who annually maintain the standards for Level 4 as well as accreditation from an approved accrediting body. Additionally, a program who achieves and maintains accreditation through an approved accrediting body is eligible, on an ongoing basis, to receive a 10% higher reimbursement rate through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Voucher Program.

**Overall, participation in Paths to QUALITY™** will give Indiana programs better access to knowledge, information, assistance, materials and general support to help them provide higher quality child care experiences for young children.

	Home	Centers	Ministries
<b>Level 1</b> participation incentive	\$50 non-cash	\$50 non-cash	\$50 non-cash
<b>Level 2</b> one-time award	\$300 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash
<b>Level 3</b> one-time award	\$300 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash	\$1,000 non-cash
<b>Level 4</b> one-time award	\$500 cash	\$1,500 cash	\$1,500 cash
<b>Level 4 Accreditation Maintenance</b>	\$300 cash	\$1,000 cash	\$1,000 cash