

## Marin Quality Counts

Congratulations on choosing a Marin Quality Counts Program! This means that the teacher who is caring for your child is committed to promoting quality in their program.

The Marin Quality Counts Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) is an easy to follow system that informs you on the quality practices of your child's program.

### Quality programs offer:

- An environment that is healthy, safe and supervised
- Plenty of opportunities for active, hands-on learning experiences through play
- Trained teachers who participate in ongoing professional development
- Teachers who value each child and family's unique qualities and interests

High quality teachers are committed to improving their skills. For that reason, your child's teacher may be receiving extra training. Therefore you may see other people in your child's classroom to support quality.

## ♥ Why High Quality?

In your child's first 5 years, the brain will develop more than at any other time of their life! That's why it's important your child have access to high quality early care and education during these years. Marin Quality Counts helps parents identify high-quality care for their child and creates a system to continually improve the overall quality of early care and education in Marin.

### Children in high quality early learning programs:

- Are more likely to succeed in school.
- Are more likely to graduate from high school and pursue higher education.
- Are more likely to earn higher incomes

## ♥ Family Involvement

A high quality program encourages families to take an active role in their child's learning and values parents as partners. Ask your child's teacher how you can support your child's learning at home and in the classroom.

## ♥ Resources

Marin Quality Counts is not a complete list of all programs and providers in Marin and quality programs come in many different designs & models.

For support in finding a program or provider that meets your child and family's needs and information on ECE quality, please contact Marin Child Care Council at 415.472.1092.