

Child Care Spotlight – Statewide Initiatives

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Quality Counts is a community-based quality enhancement initiative designed to build and sustain high quality learning environments in early care and education programs.



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Continuous Quality Improvement

- Annual star rating assessment
- Individualized quality improvement plan
- Director Network
- Relationship-based coaching and mentoring
- Career counseling





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Continuous Quality Improvement

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- 4 & 5 Star programs are eligible for staff salary stipends
- \$1000-\$5000 quality improvement mini-grants at each star rating
- Support for ABC Quality and SC PITC





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Today in Spartanburg County...

- 2300+ children benefit from enhanced learning experiences
- 540+ child care providers receive training, coaching and mentoring
- 39 directors meet regularly to build their knowledge base





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Partnerships are Key, Relationships are Essential

State agencies
Community stakeholders
Child care community

