



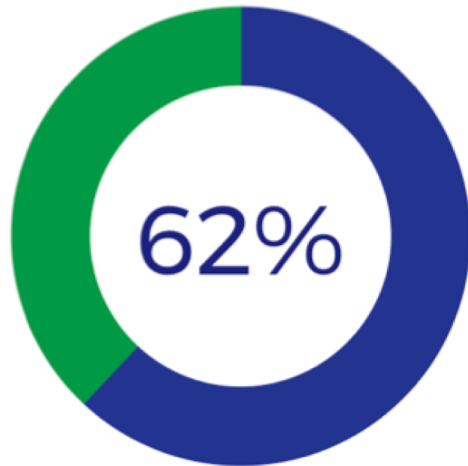


“The investments we make today in disadvantaged young children promote social mobility, create opportunity, and foster a vibrant, healthy, and inclusive society and economy.”

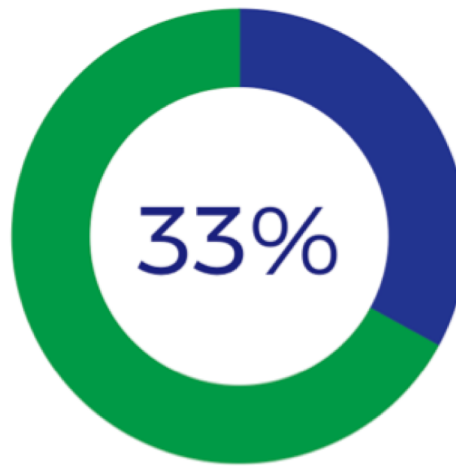
-James Heckman

RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S NEED

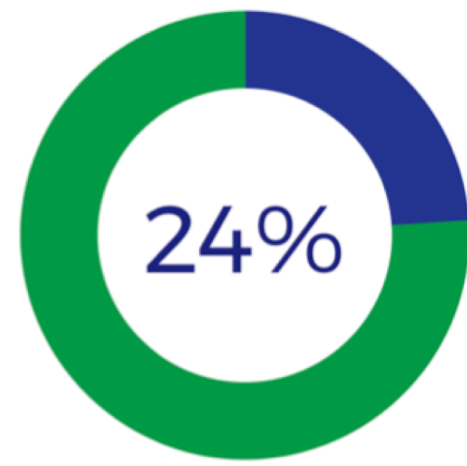
Children with parents in the workforce



Students proficient in reading by third grade



Children living in poverty





Increasing access to high quality, excellent early learning experiences can change the trajectory for Riverside County's most vulnerable young children.

WHAT QUALITY START MEANS

Excellence in early learning is...



**Nurturing and trained
educators**



**Happy and healthy kids
and families**



Thriving communities

EXCELLENCE IS... NURTURING AND TRAINED EDUCATORS



Nurturing and trained educators

Well-trained and caring educators create high quality early care and education experiences for children.

Quality Start helps early learning educators identify areas for growth and provide new opportunities for training, professional development, and other quality improvement support.

EXCELLENCE IS... HAPPY AND HEALTHY KIDS AND FAMILIES

Engaging and fun early learning experiences help children be kindergarten-ready and give them the social and emotional tools they need to succeed as they grow up.

Quality Start supports educators to provide these experiences. It also gives them the tools to identify barriers to children's health and happiness and to connect families to services.



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EXCELLENCE IS... THRIVING COMMUNITIES

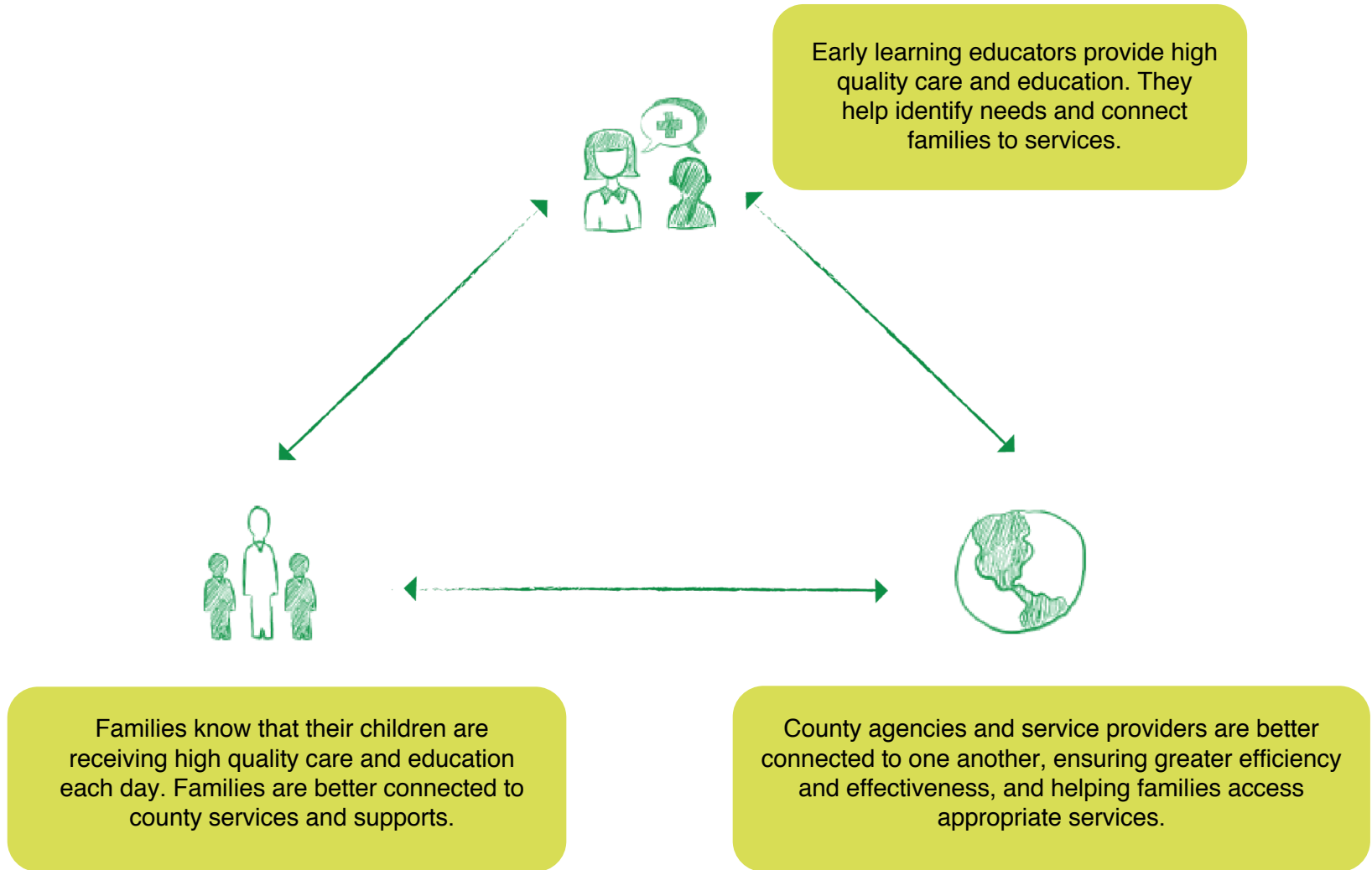


Thriving communities

Families who have the services and support they need are able to raise children who succeed in school and beyond.

Quality Start builds partnerships and fosters connections between community services to ensure better access across Riverside County.

THE QUALITY START DIFFERENCE

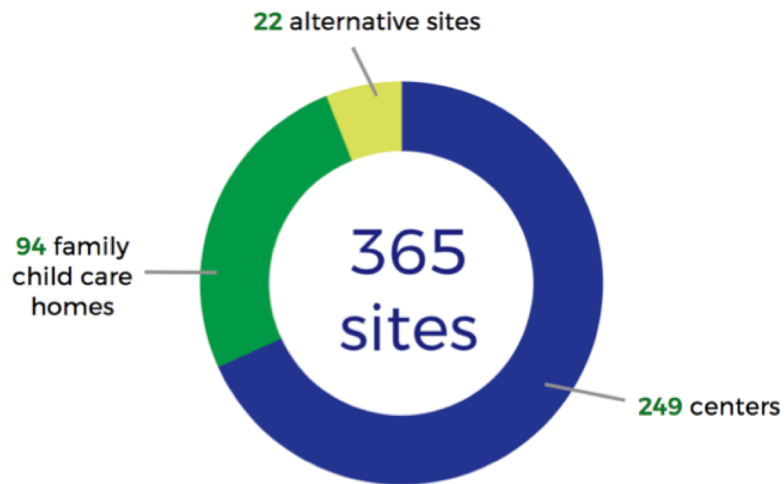


THE QUALITY START DIFFERENCE

Reach across county and districts



Sites projected to participate in Quality Start





“I feel hopeful and motivated to be a part of this great opportunity to learn more and to be more intentional in my early care and education efforts.”

-Quality Start participant

OUR VISION

Every child in Riverside County has access to high quality early learning environments that build the foundation for success in school and lifelong learning.





OUR MISSION

Quality Start will build an integrated and sustainable approach to strengthening and supporting the quality of early learning environments for Riverside County's children, families, and educators

WHAT'S NEXT: OUR GOALS

1

Awareness & Engagement

Ensure that early learning stakeholders are aware of the benefits of Quality Start Riverside County and engaged in supporting its success.

2

Infrastructure Development

Support the long-term success and growth of Quality Start Riverside County through sustainability planning and advocacy.

3

Systems Alignment

Establish infrastructure that supports the ongoing implementation of Quality Start Riverside County.

4

Policy, Advocacy, Sustainability

Work in coordination with systems that support connections to families, promote high quality early learning environments, and support alignment along the educational continuum from early care and education through third grade.

HOW WE'LL GET THERE

Partnerships

Our partnerships with local agencies and organizations and our partnerships with early educators are critical to achieving our mission.

Policymaker support

We need sustainable support for Quality Start and the many connected programs that help children, families, and our community thrive.



THANK YOU!

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