



# QUALITY COUNTS

Striving for Five Star Early Learning



## Quality Rating Improvement System Program Participation Agreement

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Each center should complete and sign only one form and submit it along with the WAGES Child Care Practitioner Application(s) to:

**Child Care WAGES® FLORIDA**

The Children's Forum  
2807 Remington Green Circle  
Tallahassee, FL. 32308

I understand that child care practitioners employed by

*(fill in name of center or family child care home)*

are eligible for the *Quality Counts* Child Care WAGES® FLORIDA Project in Miami-Dade County contingent upon our agreement to participate in the Quality Counts—Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) sponsored by The Children's Trust. By signing the form below I agree that my program or family child care home will participate in Miami-Dade's Quality Rating Improvement System when it is available.

For more information, see QRIS fact sheet in the WAGES packet, visit the Quality Counts website at [www.elcmdm.org](http://www.elcmdm.org) or call the Quality Counts office at (305) 646-7242.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Quality Counts Child Care WAGES® Project Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for at least one six-month supplement payment during the fiscal year, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Work in Miami-Dade County
- Work directly with children a minimum of 10 hours per week in a licensed or licensed-exempt early care and education program (center or family child care home)
- Earn less than \$17.50 per hour as a child care practitioner (teacher or assistant)
- Attained a level of education as listed on the WAGES Salary Supplement Scale (from a regionally accredited college)
- Work at least six months in the same eligible early care and education program
- Be employed at this same program at the time of employment confirmation
- Work at a program that agrees to participate in the Quality Counts Quality Rating Improvement System