

Statewide Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Infrastructure Development for the California Quality Rating and Improvement System (CA-QRIS)

Following a Request for Proposals (RFP) competitive bid process, First 5 California (F5CA) is pleased to announce an award of a \$12 million contract for Statewide Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Infrastructure Development for the CA-QRIS (T&TA Infrastructure contract) to the WestEd Center for Child and Family Studies for 2017–2020. Through the T&TA Infrastructure contract, WestEd and their identified partners will bring CA-QRIS support that is responsive to the characteristics of California populations. The work of this contract will build upon and adapt existing national, state, and local resources, draw upon the experience of state and national experts, and provide California with affordable, sustainable, user-friendly tools to contribute to the implementation of the CA-QRIS.

This contract includes significant and strategic partnerships with four of the nation's leaders in core areas of the RFP:

- Childcare Quality and Early Learning Center for Research and Professional Development at the University of Washington
- University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning
- ZERO TO THREE
- Brazelton Touchpoints Center

Over the next several years, these partners, together with California-based professional development leaders (i3 Institute [Inquiry, Intention & Innovation] and the Sacramento County Office of Education), will work with F5CA, the California Department of Education–Early Education Support Division, the CA-QRIS Consortium, and other relevant state and local agencies to carry out the following six key tasks:

- Coach Development and Support
- Early Childhood Education Leader Supports
- Statewide Training and Trainer Approval
- Family Engagement Training and Resources
- Regional Assessor Management System
- CA-QRIS Implementation