



Frequently Asked Questions from Support for Coaching and Effective Interactions (First 5-Funded Teachstone Set-Aside)

This webinar was presented to First 5 IMPACT Lead Agencies and Regional Coordination and Training and Technical Assistance Hub (Hub) Fiscal Lead Agencies.

The purpose was to describe First 5 California's plan for training and technical assistance designed to build statewide coaching capacity. The webinar also addressed services available through the F5CA IMPACT Teachstone set-aside and the process and timeline for accessing those services.

1. How is the Coach Training and Support Program (modified MMCI for coaches) different than the current Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMCI) process?

The Coach Training and Support Program is a blended approach designed specifically for coaches. While much of the content is similar to the standard MMCI process, this program is an intensive coach model with more peer-to-peer support between coaches. The curriculum will develop coaching skills and will require fewer number of sessions. The session format is being modified to a one-on-one delivery, and recertification will be part of the 3-day trainings.

2. Is all of the coach training and support in this program geared toward teacher coaches and not preschool administrator coaches?

This model is designed to benefit a wide range of settings and participants. Part of the feedback First 5 California (F5CA) will request will be about who the coaches are, and who they are coaching. The coach training and support will be grounded in adult learning science, based on effective professional development strategies, and will support a broad audience.

3. Who will be providing the services of the state level coaching specialist, Teachstone or F5CA?

Through its contract with Teachstone, a staff member there will be the specialist working to support California's coaches to develop competencies to deliver the MMCI curriculum in a coaching format and integrate myTeachstone into coaching with early educators.

As for our broader coaching plans, to thoroughly address the complexity of this work, F5CA will work with a contractor secured through a request for application

(RFP) process to help develop Hub capacity and support existing First 5 California staff to ensure all coaches demonstrate basic competencies across the CA-QRIS matrix.

4. Please clarify Teachstone's expanded definition of affiliate trainers. Can one region provide training to another region to help them build capacity in Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)?

Regional Hub Affiliate Trainers can provide CLASS Trainings in support of CA-QRIS goals within the local/regional Hub area they support. If a cross-training need is identified, the Hub Lead Agencies (or designee) should contact F5CA to determine if the request meets internal requirements (e.g., already work together; Hub "artificially" separates them by region; intent to build capacity, an exception, not the rule).

5. Will these slides be posted on the First 5 IMPACT website?

Yes, the slides and the audio recording will be posted. We will send an e-mail to First 5 IMPACT consortia Lead Agencies and Hub Fiscal Lead Agencies once they are available.

6. Will F5CA continue to provide CLASS observer trainings across the state? Is this Coach Training and Support Program the replacement or will there continue to be some free CLASS opportunities?

F5CA will continue to provide observer training on a case by case basis, if requested by a Regional Hub and deemed necessary by F5CA.

7. Who has the list of trainers?

The list of CLASS Observation trainers and reliable observers can be obtained by e-mailing Melinda Geiser at mgeiser@ccfc.ca.gov or by sending a request to the First 5 IMPACT e-mail box at F5Impact@ccfc.ca.gov.

8. MMCI is focused on Pre-K. Is there any intent to expand MMCI to other age groups?

Teachstone is interested in learning more about implementing MMCI at additional age levels as it evaluates further development of this product. Please contact Melissa Kelley-Knutsen, Regional Director to share your interest. Melissa can be reached via e-mail at Melissa.Knutsen@teachstone.com or by phone at 312-622-1512.

9. How long is this Teachstone regional set-aside funding available?

The regional set-aside must be used by the end of First 5 California's contract with Teachstone, which through June 2019. Please note, First 5 IMPACT continues through June 2020, so please plan accordingly.

10. Are there live double code sessions provided by F5CA?

F5CA will not provide live double coding sessions (i.e., two assessors code the same classroom and compare scores). These sessions may be set up locally or regionally.

11. Is F5CA requiring a local Hub funding match?

No matching funds are required. Hubs need to submit only the Regional Hub Training Plan application.

12. Can you clarify what is meant by "CLASS adaptations by region?"

F5CA and Teachstone are committed to working with regions and tailoring training to meet local needs (e.g., expanding the Introduction to CLASS training to be an in-depth, one-day training). Please contact Melissa Kelley-Knutsen, Regional Director via e-mail at Melissa.Knutsen@teachstone.com or by phone at 312-622-1512, or your F5CA Liaison for further assistance.

13. Can these funds cover time and travel for an affiliate trainer?

No. These funds may only be used for Teachstone products and services.