

**First 5 IMPACT (Improve and Maximize Programs
so All Children Thrive)
Support for Effective Teacher/Adult-Child
Interactions Webinar**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q.1. What are the costs of the various training and services?

A. Prices for Teachstone® products and services beyond what is offered through First 5 California (F5CA) are available at www.Teachstone.org. Ongoing costs for implementing training following the regional trainings are as follows:

- Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMCI) (after initial certification)
 - Participant packages -- \$150 per participant per 10-session course
 - MMCI instructor/trainer annual certification renewal -- \$250
- Local Affiliate Training on Infant, Toddler, or Pre-K CLASS (after initial certification)
 - Introduction to CLASS® participant packages -- \$100 per participant
 - Observer certification participant packages -- \$175 per participant
 - Affiliate Trainer annual certification renewal -- \$275 per year

Q.2. Will these free services be offered next year, or is it only this year?

A. The training and support described in this webinar are for the current year (FY 2015–16) only. F5CA anticipates offering training beyond the current year, however, we will seek input from counties about the types of training and support offered in the future

Q.3. When will the application to participate in the myTeachstone Pilot be available?

A. Information and an application for the F5CA MyTeachstone Pilot will be available around the beginning of October 2015. The application will be distributed by e-mail to First 5 IMPACT Lead Agencies and counties will have a few weeks to complete the brief application.

Q.4. Are all online trainings in myTeachstone included in the initial \$110.00 per participant subscription cost, or are there additional fees?

A. Full access to all resources for Infant, Toddler, and Pre-K teachers are included in the subscription. Coaches and Administrators also can access the teacher data without additional cost. Face-to-face training will be available to users, as well.

The annual renewal fee for myTeachstone is \$100 per participant (less the initial \$10.00 registration fee).

Q.5. At which regional trainings will training for coaches (e.g., coaching strand) be offered?

A. Both the Coaching Strand and Trainer Strand will be offered at all six regional trainings.

Q.6. Can you explain the difference between a coach, instructor, observer, and trainer?

A. A **coach** is an individual with specific training or content area expertise who provides guidance and support to a learner to improve their skill. In the case of CLASS-related training, the coach helps the learner improve their interactions with children.

A Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) **Trainer** is someone authorized to provide training on a particular tool. The trainer receives certification from Teachstone after having met certain requirements.

MMCI uses the term "**instructor**" because the program was initially designed for implementation by faculty. MMCI has been expanded for use in other settings so the term instructor is interchangeable with trainer.

A CLASS **observer** is certified on one or more age-specific tools to assess (observe) classrooms using the CLASS lens and provide valid and reliable scores.

- Q.7. Does F5CA have plans to offer training from the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI)?
- A. No, F5CA will not be hosting ERSI training for counties in FY 2015–16. However, F5CA Master Anchors are able to provide training to county-level staff because they are certified by ERSI at a level of reliability above 90 percent. Processes outlined in the Race--to--the--Top--Early Learning Challenge Implementation Guide (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/cd/rt/documents/rttelcqrismplementguide.doc>) authorize three F5CA Master Anchors to train and certify reliability of local Anchors on all three ERS tools.
- Q.8. A lot of Teachstone programs are geared for child care centers. Will there be programs for Family Resource Centers?
- A. While it is true CLASS materials were designed for use in centers and family child care homes, they may be adapted for use in other settings. The concepts regarding effective interactions can be applied in a variety of ways and F5CA staff are available to help counties consider these local options.
- Q.9. Can the MMCI program be implemented in a distance learning format?
- A. MMCI is designed to be delivered in person. However, counties interested in discussing other formats should contact Teachstone Regional Director, Melissa Kelley-Knutsen (Melissa.knutsen@teachstone.com or 312-622-1512) to discuss alternatives.