

Request for Qualifications: Environmental Rating Scale (ERS) Assessors Bay Area Quality Rating & Improvement System

The Bay Area Region Quality Rating and Improvement System Partnership is seeking qualified individuals to assess Family Child Care and Center Based early childhood education programs participating in the Quality Rating and Improvement System pilot.

Background

Sixteen counties in California received funding to develop a Quality Rating & Improvement System (QRIS) to improve early childhood education systems. In the Bay Area, 6 First 5 county commissions including Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and San Francisco are collaborating to leverage the grant to increase the quality of early care and education for children across the region.

The Bay Area Quality Rating and Improvement System Partnership will be assessing child care programs using a matrix based on the state of California's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Quality Continuum Framework.

One of the tools used to assess child care quality is the Environmental Rating Scales (ERS). Participating early care and education sites must have an independent external assessor administer the appropriate Environmental Rating Scale observation.

This Request for Qualifications is being used to identify trained and qualified assessors working in the Bay Area. The Bay Area Quality Rating and Improvement System Partnership is looking for assessors to participate in a regionally funded drift test assessment to be conducted in April or May of 2014. Those selected will be trained in order to contract their assessment and/or anchoring services with the 6 Bay Area counties.

Candidate Qualifications

- Show proof of Department of Social Services fingerprint clearance
- Provide own transportation to locations throughout the Bay Area
- Sign a conflict of interest and confidentiality statement
- Bilingual, bicultural preferred
- Proof of previous inter-rater reliability

PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATIONS BY MARCH 28th TO karina@viva-strategy.com

Are you filling out this application as an organization or as an individual?

Organization:

Individual:

If you are filling out this application as an organization, please answer the following questions.

1. How many assessors is your organization wanting to contribute to this assessment pool?
2. How many anchors is your organization wanting to contribute to this assessment pool?

Fill out an application for each individual you plan to contribute to this assessment pool and identify them below. For example: Steven is the first of 5 assessors applying as a part of your organization, he will be considered Applicant #1.

Applicant #:

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

Telephone (day):

E-mail:

Mail Address:

City & Zip Code:

EDUCATION & WORK EXPERIENCE

Education:

A.A.

B.A.

M.A.

M.S.

M.Ed.

PhD

Other:

Work Experience:

Never worked in
ECE

Less than a year

1-2 years

3-5 years

More than 5 years

Which positions have you held?

Assistant Teacher

Teacher

Site Supervisor

Director

Trainer

Family Child Care Provider

In an Infant/ Toddler Setting

Other

TOTAL ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED

In past 12 months

Prior to last 12 months

of ECERS conducted:

of ECERS conducted:

of ITERS conducted:

of ITERS conducted:

of FCCERS conducted:

of FCCERS conducted:

Internal Assessments

**# of above assessments done as part of
employment opportunities:**

External Assessments

of independent assessments completed:

Employing organization (for references):

Contact name:

Phone:

E-mail:

ERS TRAINING/ CERTIFICATION

Have you been trained in the ERS tools?

Yes

No

Which tools?

ECERS

ITERS

FCCERS

Date of Training:

Person/ organization providing training:

Approximate length of training in hours/ days:

Did the training assess inter-rater reliability?

Yes

No

Unknown

INCLUDE COPY OF TRAINING CERTIFICATE, IF APPLICABLE: E-mail attachments to karina@viva-strategy.com

INTER-RATER RELIABILITY

When did you last participate in inter-rater reliability?

Within the last 12 months

1-3 years ago

More than 3 years ago

of assessments done as part of inter-rater reliability:

1-2

3-4

5 or more

Person or organization conducting you last inter-rater reliability assessment:

How did you score during your last inter-rater reliability assessment (percent reliable)?

INCLUDE COPY OF RELIABILITY PROOF, IF APPLICABLE: E-mail attachments to karina@viva-strategy.com

AVAILABILITY

What days of the week are you available to conduct on site ERS assessments?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
PM	PM	PM	PM	PM

Do you have your own transportation?

- Yes
- No

Which counties are you interested and available to travel to?

- Alameda County
- Contra Costa County
- San Francisco County
- San Mateo County
- Santa Clara County
- Santa Cruz County

If you meet reliability at 90% or higher, please project your ability and willingness to conduct ERS drift testing services as an anchor.

I can commit to conducting drift tests for :

- 3-6 days (1-2 rounds)
- 9-12 days (3-4 rounds)
- 15-18 days (5-6 rounds)
- 21 days (7+ rounds)

If you meet reliability at 85% or higher, please project your ability and willingness to conduct ERS assessments over the next 12 months.

I can commit to conducting:

- 10-20 assessments
- 20-50 assessments
- 50-75 assessments
- 75-100 assessments

LANGUAGE

Please indicate languages you speak fluently:

English

Spanish

Chinese

Vietnamese

Other (please list)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

What is your rate charged per assessment?

Do you currently have or have the ability to secure a \$1 million professional liability insurance policy?

Yes

No

Do you currently have or have the ability to secure a Tax ID or business license?

If currently secured, what is your Tax ID?

Yes

No

Please describe any other relevant qualifications, training, or experience.