C-QuELL (Community for Quality Early Learning and Literacy), is a program funded by the Jim Moran Foundation that links parents, children and communities in Broward County through its emphasis on promoting early learning, literacy and parent advocacy.

The C-QuELL Program will operate in the form of one (1) early childhood community cluster to include 10 child care centers from various parts of Broward County which will develop partnerships and collaboration among the participating entities as well as with local elementary schools.

To achieve these goals, The C-QuELL Program involves four (4) essential components:

1) Direct services to the classroom teachers to promote early learning and education, to raise the level of instruction, and to improve children’s literacy and learning outcomes.

2) Provide activities and learning opportunities for parents/guardians of the children in the participating centers so that they can become their child’s first teacher.

3) Develop a “transition to kindergarten” individualized school plan to help the child care centers help their parents/guardians of four year olds make a smooth move to the public school setting.

4) The development and implementation of a community-wide approach to address the complex issues confronting early learning in our county. This is an important foundation that impacts Broward’s commitment to young children, builds community and system partnerships to support the child care centers with financial and human capital supports, maximizes community resources, and helps the community nurture and sustain early learning and literacy.

Participants: Each child care center selected to participate in The C-QuELL Program will be evaluated to determine the level of training and technical assistance needed to enhance the educational programs provided to the children and the level of technological training and technical assistance to be provided to the child care center.
THE C-QuELL PROGRAM
Summary and Participant Requirements
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must:

- Be a legally operating child care center in Broward County;
- Have a minimum of 60% of children on free and reduced lunch; or
- Have a minimum of 60% of children below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (subsidized child care).
- Agree to the following:
  a) Director must be a member of a professional organization, such as BAEYC (Broward Association for the Education of Young Children) or agree to become a member within the first four (4) months of the program.
  b) Allow a pre-rating, Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) and Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS) at the beginning of the year and a full Quality Rating at the end of the year, as appropriate.
  c) Seek accreditation for the child care center, if not already accredited.
  d) Adhere to licensing agreements determined by the Department of Child Care Licensing & Enforcement.
  e) Maintain the state-mandated teacher/student ratio for all programs serving children receiving school readiness funds and Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) funds.
  f) Allow on-site technical assistance and trainings from the C-QuELL Coach and the C-QuELL Technology Specialist.
  g) Work collaboratively with the C-QuELL Coach in the development and implementation of strategies required to achieve set benchmarks.
  h) Implement the recommendations of the C-QuELL Coach to achieve benchmarks.
  i) Work with the Director of C-QuELL to develop and implement a parent involvement program to include transition activities with local elementary schools for 4 year old children and their families.
  j) Must be willing to provide matching funds in order to receive quality incentive dollars.
  k) Submit proper documentation in order to receive matching quality initiative dollars.
  l) Meet with the Director and the C-QuELL staff a minimum of semi-annually to review the status, performance, and goals of this program.
  m) Attend a minimum of 80% of all Program meetings, or appoint someone with decision-making authority to attend these meetings.
THE C-QuELL PROGRAM
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Please complete this application. Your responses to these questions will help us determine services that could be provided to enhance the quality of your school’s educational programming.

Please type or print clearly

SECTION 1 – CHILD CARE CENTER INFORMATION

Center Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City:__________________________________________________________, FL Zip: ______________

Phone #: _____________________________________________________________

Fax number: __________________________________________________________

Owner’s name: _________________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________

Director’s name: ________________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________

Children at Center:

Infant/Toddler
☐ birth to 12 months   # _____   # of Classrooms _____
☐ 13 months to 24 months # _____   # of Classrooms _____
☐ 25 months to 35 months # _____   # of Classrooms _____

Preschool
☐ 3 years            # _____   # of Classrooms _____
☐ 4 years            # _____   # of Classrooms _____

School Age
☐ Kindergarten to age 12  # _____   # of Classrooms _____

• Can you transport children and families to C-QuELL events? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, state how you transport the children: ____________________________________________
• How many computers do you have in your child care center? ______

Location of each computer: ____________________________________________
                                                                
• Do you have Internet access on any computer? ______ Yes ______ No

If yes, on which computers? __________________________________________
                                                                
• Are you comfortable accessing your mail through the email system? ______ Yes ______ No

• Do you receive grant funding or other financial support for your child care center? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what support do you receive? ____________________________________
                                                                
SECTION 2 – PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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• How often do you take your children to the local library? (Be specific) __________________________

SECTION 3 – APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Print name: ____________________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________________________________________

Title: _______________________________________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________________________________
SECTION 4 – APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1 Complete and sign the Participant Application. Include copies of the following documentation:

   a) Lesson Plans for each age group
   b) Schedule for each age group
   c) Agendas/flyers for parent involvement activities (minimum of 2)
   d) Agendas/prof of staff trainings (minimum of 2)
   e) Copy of Accreditation (if applicable)

Step 2 Either fax (954.724.4601) or mail completed Participant Application and above listed documentation to:

   Chris Sieber, C-QuELL Director
   Family Central, Inc.
   840 SW 81st Avenue
   North Lauderdale, FL 33068-4067

Step 3 Your application will then be reviewed. If you meet all the criteria for selection, you will be contacted by phone to arrange for an interview.

Step 4 After the interview, if you are selected to participate in the C-QuELL Program, you will be notified by mail. You will be expected to sign a Participant Agreement and comply with all the requirements of the program.

For more information, please contact Chris Sieber, C-QuELL Director at 954.724.4601 or email her at csieber@familycentral.org.