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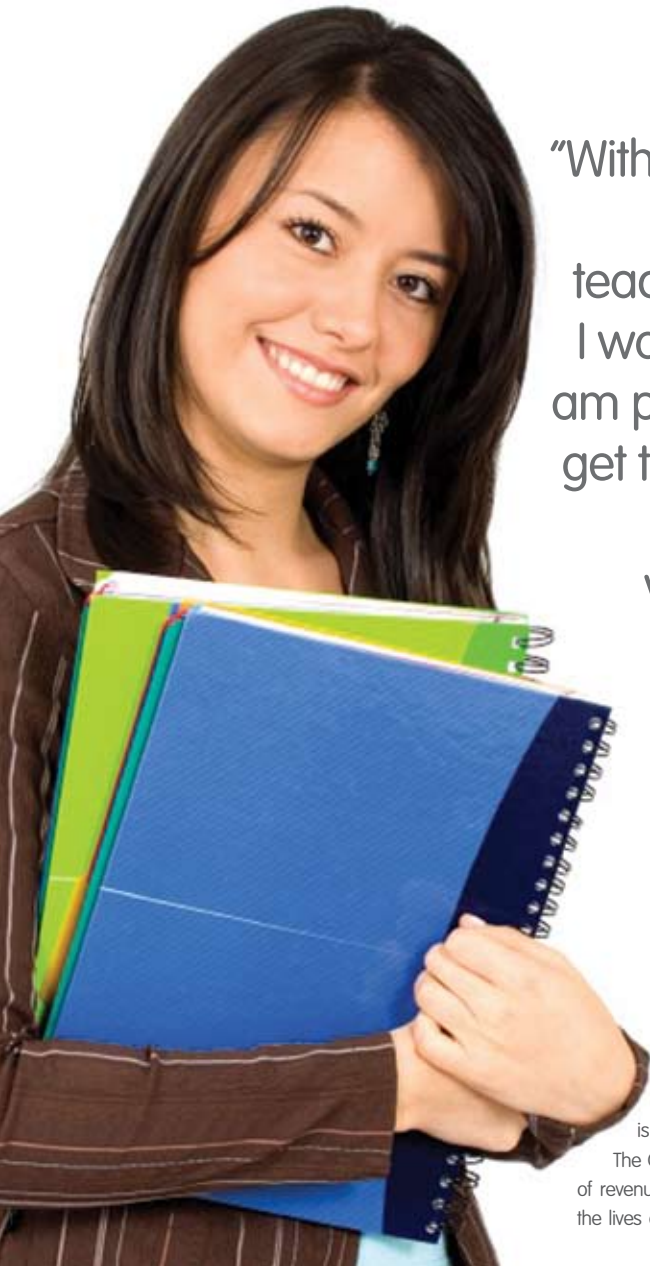
QUALITY COUNTS
CAREER CENTER



"I have this natural ability with kids. But I want to find out what I need to do to increase my education and earn more money."

“One of the major goals of the **Quality Counts Career Center** is to help remove the barriers that prevent child care practitioners from returning to school to get the education and training they need to progress in the early childhood field. Research shows that better trained teachers provide higher quality care and educational experiences that lead to improved outcomes for young children.”

—Modesto E. Abety, President and CEO, The Children’s Trust



“With all the emphasis on credentials for teachers in child care, I want to make sure I am prepared and can get the classes I need. But I don’t know where to go next.”



The Quality Counts Career Center for Early Care and Education is operated by the Children’s Forum, Inc., licensee for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship and Child Care WAGES® programs in Florida. The Career Center is funded under contract to the Children’s Forum by The Children’s Trust. The Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.

This exciting new resource for Miami-Dade child care practitioners is operated by the Children's Forum and housed at the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe. The Quality Counts Career Center provides the following services to help those who work with young children achieve their career goals and realize their dreams:

- **Information**

The Quality Counts Career Center maintains a website with information on training, educational opportunities, resources and links to important information for child care practitioners. Visit QCCareers.org often to learn what is happening in the community.

- **Career Advising**

The Quality Counts Career Center employs trained career advisors to help child care practitioners develop a plan to meet their goals. Whether help is needed to obtain a GED, apply and register for college classes, translate transcripts or consider an advanced degree in early childhood, career advisors are available to help explore the options available. An individualized realistic plan to get practitioners from where they are to where they want to be will be jointly developed to chart the future course for achieving their goals.

- **Scholarships and Financial Assistance**

One of the barriers most often present for those working in child care is the lack of funding to pursue education. The Quality Counts Career Center advisors will be able to access resources to help pay for educational expenses. College financial aid, Teacher Education and Compensation Helps® (T.E.A.C.H.) scholarships and funding provided through The Children's Trust will be accessed depending on availability and priorities established.

- **Training Registry**

A central registry will serve as the repository of information on employment in the early childhood field, credentials of child care practitioners and all approved training activities essentially becoming a transcript of professional development. This registry will serve as a valuable tool for the child care practitioner providing one central location for recording and validating credentials.

Take the first step to success . . . call the
Quality Counts Career Center today and ask for a career advisor.
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