



## QUEST: TRAIN YOUR WORKFORCE

**Invest in Your Team, Invest in the Future:** The **QUEST (Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training)** program is designed to connect individuals to job training and supportive services needed to excel in the child care sector and make a lasting impact on young lives.

**The Work Experience Job Training Program** is designed to equip individuals with essential, industry-specific skills in **childcare and support roles** through up to 350 hours of hands-on training. These roles must be directly related to childcare or support positions within a childcare center. Participants will earn at least \$13.00 per hour or the position's prevailing wage, and Forward Careers will reimburse employers for 100% of these wages for the full 350 hours, offering a valuable opportunity for both participants and employers.

**The Disaster Relief Employment (DRE) Program** covers 100% of wages and benefits at each position's prevailing wage through September 2025. Unlike the Work Experience Program, DRE supports a **broader range of positions** within a childcare center, allowing participants to gain experience in various roles, such as receptionist, custodial staff, teacher's aide, food service assistant, or administrative support. Positions may be part-time or full-time, up to 40 hours per week. Through the DRE Program, participants receive practical training with full wage support, helping childcare centers address immediate workforce needs across multiple areas.

### Eligibility

- Be 17 or over and eligible to work in the United States; – AND –
- Have had their employment status at any time impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic – OR –
- Be self-employed individuals who became unemployed or significantly underemployed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic – OR –
- Have no work history or are entering the workforce for the first time.

**Take advantage of these programs to develop a skilled workforce and reduce training costs. Contact us today to learn more!**

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