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Q: How will Thrive By 5 Louisville support programs to participate in continuous quality improvement?

A: By encouraging them to work with local organizations that provide free training and technical assistance for quality improvement through participation in the KY All STARS program. Child care centers should email Hans.Petersen@uky.edu to get connected with their Quality Coach. Family child care homes seeking higher quality should contact their 4-C Family Child Care Network specialist at fccn@4cforkids.com.

Q: When will more information about participation in Thrive by 5 Louisville be available?

A: Spring 2025

Q: What opportunities will directors and teachers have to support the work of Thrive By 5 Louisville?

A: One option is to participate in the Thrive by 5 Louisville Advisory Council, made up of some 30 members representing diverse sectors within Louisville's early childhood ecosystem and appointed by the Thrive by 5 Louisville Board. The Advisory Council provides recommendations and insights to guide the strategic direction of Thrive by 5 Louisville. By participating on Board committees—including Workforce, Facilities, and Community Engagement/Fundraising—the Advisory Council offers valuable input on programmatic issues, funding guidance, and solutions to support Louisville's early childhood landscape.

Thrive by 5 Louisville seeks to include underrepresented voices within the Advisory Council. To ensure participation from individuals who might not otherwise be able to afford the time or expense, members may apply and qualify to receive stipends for their time and expertise when participating in Advisory Council meetings and Thrive by 5 Louisville Committee meetings.

Q: Is Bezos Academy a part of Thrive By 5 Louisville?

A: Bezos Academy is not connected to Thrive By 5 Louisville but is a part of our city's efforts to make high quality early learning/ child care accessible to all 3- and 4-year-old children in Louisville. Bezos Academy offers tuition-free, full day, year-round, Montessori-inspired preschool for 3- to 5-year-old children whose families earn less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level – about \$124,800 per year for a family of four. Admission to all Bezos Academy preschools is lottery-based.