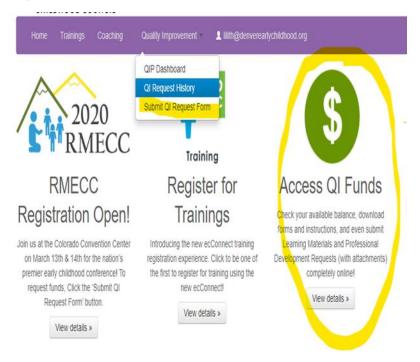
## How to assist a Program with requesting QI funds in ecConnect!

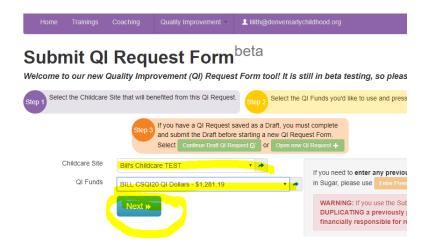
Do you have a Program who is ready to spend their Quality Improvement Grant Funding? AWESOME! Wondering how to help this Program get started? This article can help! Below are the steps to get a Program ready to submit a Spending request in ecConnect today!

Step 1- Log in to ecConnect. If you do not have a log in, you will Create one and then log in.

Step 2- Click on Submit QI Request from the Quality Improvement Drop down or click Access QI Funds.



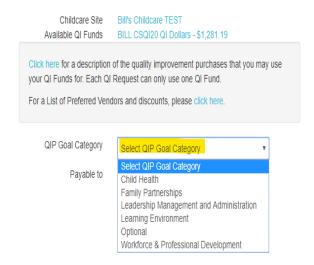
Step 3- Choose your childcare Site/ Program, the QI funds you wish to utilize, and click NEXT!



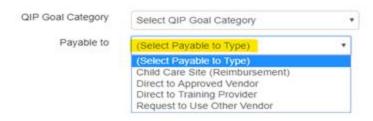
**Step 4**- Click Open New QI Request! You are only allowed to have ONE open QI request at a time. Please make sure you complete and finish your QI request before starting additional requests.



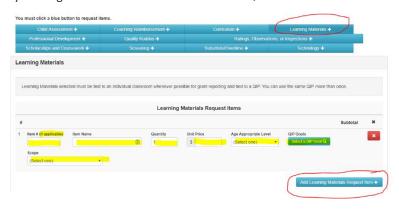
**Step 5**- Select a QIP Goal Category from the drop-down menu.



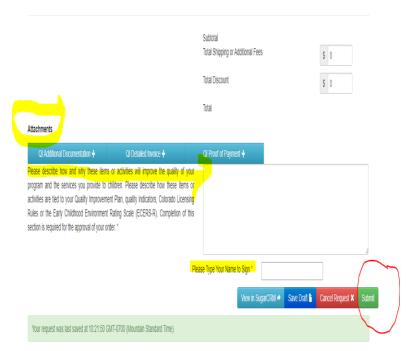
**Step 6**- Select the Payable to type from the drop-down menu. For example, if you chose Childcare Site (Reimbursement) you would need to attach additional documentation. Click <u>HERE</u> for a complete list! You can also check out what these Payable to Types mean <u>HERE</u>!



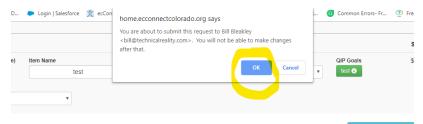
**Step 7**- If you are requesting Learning Materials (and you are NOT shopping Kaplan, Lakeshore, Discount, or School Specialty) click on the Learning Material + Button and then fill in the relevant information. You can add more items by clicking the ADD LEARNING MATERIAL REQUEST ITEM+



**Step 8**- Attach any documentation you may need depending on the Payable to type you selected earlier. *Once you are finished adding items you will see your total. Do not add discounts unless your Early Childhood Council Person has instructed you to do so.* Describe in a brief summary why you are requesting these Items, sign your Name, then click SUBMIT!



## Once you click submit you will see a dialogue box at the top of your screen. Click **OK!**



**Congratulations!!** \*\*Your Early Childhood Council will be in touch with you regarding your Request and any further information needed or changes needing to be