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Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System

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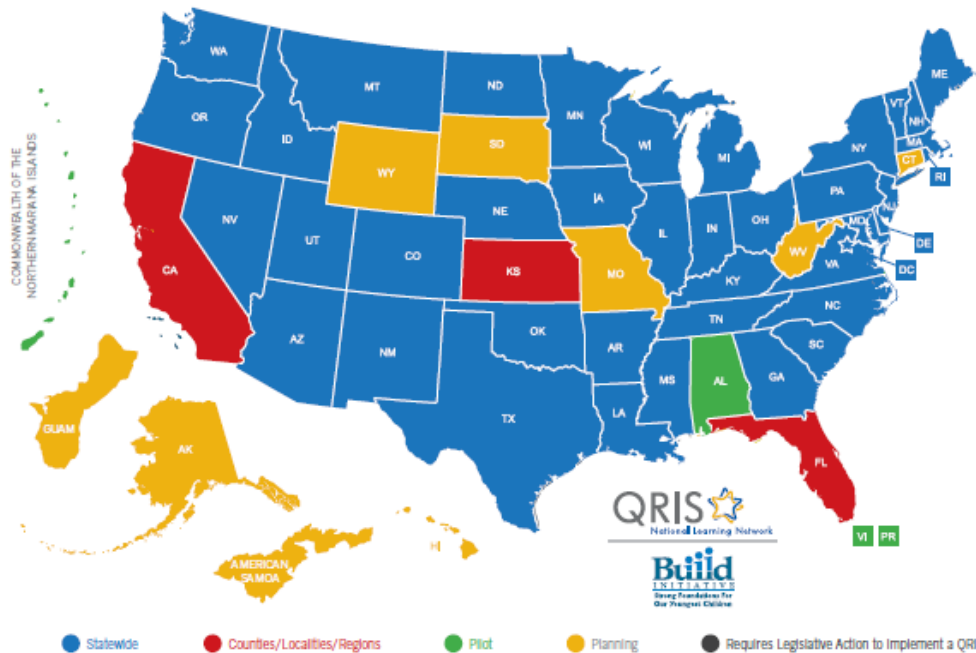
Early Achievers and Libraries: Partners in Early Literacy



- Shared goals
- Shared information
- Shared opportunities

What is a Quality Rating and Improvement System?

A QRIS is a framework for improving observable quality in child care settings.



Early Achievers, Washington State's QRIS, is at the forefront of a nationwide movement to increase availability and access to high-quality early learning.

www.qrisnetwork.org



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Early Achievers is Washington State's framework for quality early learning and is designed to support:



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Early Achievers Partners





What Does Quality Look Like?

- Safe, well-organized with age-appropriate resources
- A philosophy of supporting the development of the whole child
- Nurturing and supportive relationships
- Care and education that meets each child's individual needs
- Communication between parents and teachers
- Meaningful efforts to embrace diversity

Early Achievers Rating System



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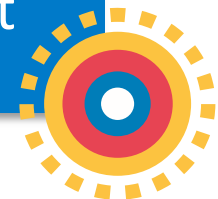
Early Achievers Quality Standards



Child Outcomes



Interactions and
Environment



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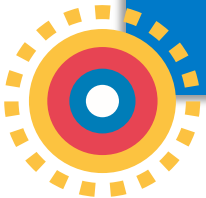


Curriculum and
Staff Supports



Family
Engagement and
Partnerships

Staff Professional
Development



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Children who receive quality early child care and education are more likely to:

- Show improved math and reading skills
- Graduate high school
- Attend college
- Earn higher wages

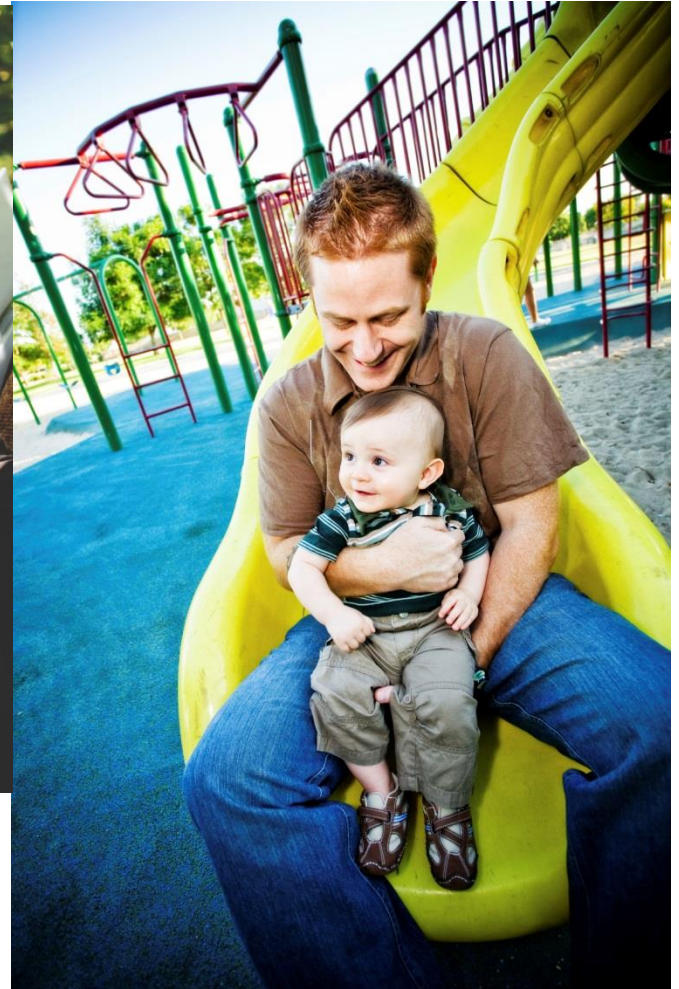


Quality early learning supports positive social and emotional development.



Early development of social-emotional skills predicts social, behavioral and academic success into adulthood.

Early Achievers improves the quality of early care and learning in Washington State.



What does that mean for families?

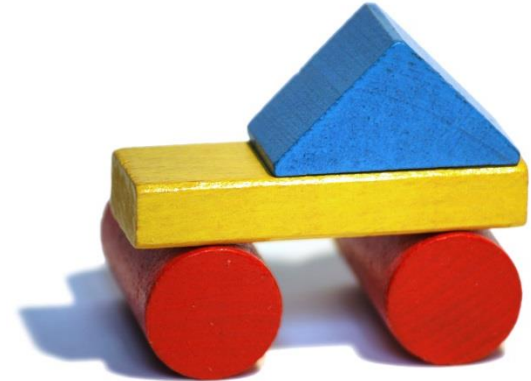


Choosing child care is an important decision. Families deserve to know their children are receiving care that promotes their unique skills and cultures, and supports the development of the whole child.



"Early Achievers has given us a well-grounded, research based framework to shore up our program around. Our staff, children and overall program are all reaping the benefits of a more intentional and articulated focus of high quality. We aren't just doing good things because we love kids and love seeing them grow. We are mixing passion with intention and that's a powerful recipe for success!"

- Stephanie Smith from Learning to Grow Clubhouse in Elma



"I never dreamed that we could receive such a high level of training and equipping as an Early Achievers participant. What a thrill it is to see that we can bring higher levels of care and academics to families of *all* income levels. Early Achievers is revolutionizing early childhood development in the state of Washington!"

— Michelle Murphy, the director at ABC Daycare in Port Orchard

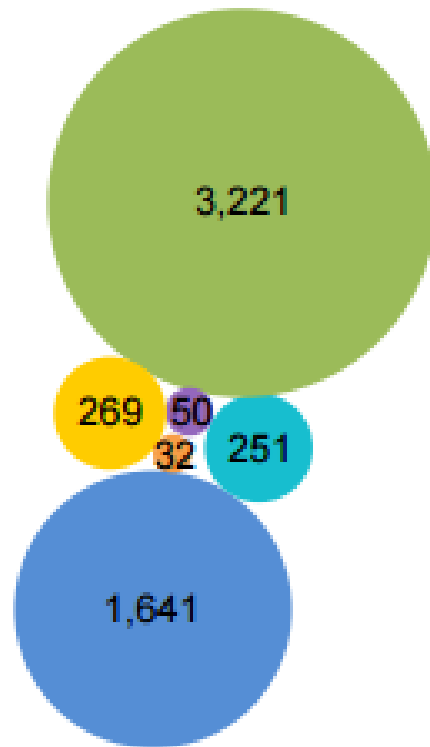


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Who is Participating in Early Achievers?

Overall Early Learning Site Count

Total: 5,464 Sites



ESA Timeline

- Existing ECEAP
- New ECEAP
- New ECEAP + Licensed
- Existing Subsidy
- New Subsidy
- No State Funding

- Center-based Early Learning Site
- Home-based Early Learning Site



Early Achievers Data Dashboard, April 15, 2017

What does Early Achievers mean for early learning professionals?

- Training and Resources
- Personalized Coaching
- Professional Development Scholarships
- Needs-Based Grants
- Tiered Reimbursement
- Quality Improvement Awards



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Continuous Quality Improvement

Early Achievers supports continuous quality improvement through:

- Personalized Practice-Based Coaching
- Quality Improvement Plan
- Infant-Toddler Consultation
- Incentives and Supports



* Adapted from the National Center on Quality Teaching and Learning

We know that librarians are a trusted source of information for parents and families. Early Achievers is a tool that allows you to provide parents with information they can trust about quality child care in your community.



Sharing Resources with Families

WE WANT YOU...



...to have quality care for your child.
Learn more at www.del.wa.gov/early-achievers



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PREPARING CHILDREN FOR SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

"For almost all parents, a clean and safe environment and the ways in which providers talk and play with children are 'very important' reasons in selecting child care and preschool programs."

- Parent Voices: Department of Early Learning Parent Needs Assessment (2008)

You Have a Choice!

A Guide to Finding Quality
Early Care and Learning
Settings in Washington State



Quality Matters

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Finding Additional Information

Families can find participating providers and get help with their child care search by:

Visit Child Care Check at
www.del.wa.gov

Contact the CCA of WA Family
Center at 1-800-446-1114 or
www.wa.childcareaware.org



To learn more about Early Achievers please visit
www.del.wa.gov or contact us at gris@del.wa.gov

Supporting Providers



- Newsletter Articles
- Trainings
- Resources for providers

Questions?





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