

Program Profile Early Adopters Update

The Early Achievers team at the Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF), along with our partners at Cultivate Learning (Cultivate) and Child Care Aware of Washington (CCA), are thankful for the hard work and participation of our more than 160 Early Adopters! The Early Adopters phase of Program Profile ends on Feb. 15. As of Feb. 16, Cultivate Learning Community Liaisons (CL) will contact providers in the queue to begin their Program Profile. CLs will contact you in the order that you submitted your early learning program's Request for Quality Recognition or Request for On-Site Evaluation. This means that CLs will start by contacting early learning programs that have been in the queue the longest. Your CL will provide you with additional information and next steps when they contact you. Please make sure your contact information in MERIT is up to date.

If you have feedback or questions, please contact the QRIS team at QRIS@dcyf.wa.gov.

Early Adopter Testimonials

We are excited to share feedback from two early learning programs that participated in the Early Adopter phase of the Program Profile:

"The Early Adopters director's survey was a chance for an in-depth reflection of our program. I found myself coming up with new ideas to implement as I answered each question. The program report compiles the thoughts and ideas of staff and parents in an easy to read format that is designed to highlight a program's strengths."

- Rachelle Wesel, Owner/Executive Director, Foundations of Faith Children's Academy, Lacey

"The support throughout the report process was great! Yvette and Marcie were very helpful in getting our surveys completed and walking me through a process that was easy to follow. From the time we submitted the report to receiving our report was not as long as we thought it was going to be. The layout of the Program Profile was very easy to read and understand, I like how it highlights not only what our strengths but also what each teacher needs more support in."

- Tabitha Tyler, Program Supervisor, Loving Hands Learning Center, Bremerton

Frequently Asked Questions

What are next steps for Early Adopters?

Programs that participated in the Early Adopters phase of Program Profile will be invited to participate in the Video Highlights phase of Early Adopters once it is ready to launch later this spring.

I am not an Early Adopter. What do I do next?

A CL will contact you to begin the Program Profile when your program is at the top of the queue. To learn more about the Program Profile process, visit the DCYF website and review the [Program Profile](#)



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[Fact Sheet](#) and Interview Questions. We also encourage you to use [CECI](#) to practice virtual coaching cycles.

How long will I have to wait for a CL to contact me?

We are unable to estimate your specific wait time. CLs will contact you in the order that you submitted your early learning program's Request for Quality Recognition or Request for On-Site Evaluation. This means that CLs will start by contacting early learning programs that have been waiting the longest. Please keep in mind that there are over more than 2,000 providers currently in the queue to begin Program Profile. We appreciate your patience!

My CL contacted me to begin my Program Profile but I am not able to complete it at this time. What are my options?

If you are unable to complete the Program Profile at the time you are contacted, you may request a one-time deferment due to exceptional circumstances. Your CL will help you with this process. If your early learning program receives a deferment, you move to the bottom of the queue.

If you do not qualify for a deferment or are still unable to complete the Program Profile when you come back to the top of the queue, you will need to withdraw your Request for Quality Recognition and resubmit when you are ready. You can withdraw your request by contacting the QRIS inbox at QRIS@dcyf.wa.gov. Please note that withdrawing your Request for Quality Recognition may affect your subsidy and/or Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) timeline and eligibility, if applicable.

When will Video Highlights begin?

DCYF plans to begin Video Highlights in the spring of 2022. We will share additional information as it becomes available.

How will DCYF incorporate feedback from Early Adopters into the Early Achievers system?

DCYF and partners have collected feedback from providers who participated in the Early Adopter phase of the Program Profile. A team of people from DCYF, Cultivate, and CCA are analyzing the data. This group will share this information with our Values and Processes group, the Provider Supports subcommittee of the Early Learning Advisory Council and the Early Achievers Equity Advisory Group. Partners and these stakeholder groups will use the feedback to set goals and inform work plans to continue to improve Early Achievers. DCYF will share Early Adopter data, goals for improvement and other relevant updates on the Early Achievers Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) webpage.