

# Early Achievers Early Adopter Phase Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: When does the early adopter phase start?**

**A:** Cultivate Learning will begin contacting participants on July 15. DCYF is working on a timeline for statewide implementation of the revised Early Achievers process and will provide more information when we have specific details to share.

**Q: What are the benefits of participating in the early adopter phase?**

**A:** By participating in the early adopter phase, you will have an opportunity to begin the revised quality recognition process before the rest of the state. You will also provide feedback on the new process while receiving targeted support from Cultivate Learning.

**Q: Who will be contacted to participate in the early adopter phase?**

**A:** At least 100 programs already in the queue will be contacted starting with programs that were previously scheduled for data collection in Cohorts 3, in this order: rerates, initials, baselines, while also considering diversity in program type, language, and comfort and access to technology. If we don't reach 100 programs from Cohort 3, we will move to previously scheduled Cohort 4 programs in the same order.

**Q: When will participants be contacted?**

**A:** Staff from Cultivate Learning will begin contacting participants on July 15.

**Q: What will happen next?**

**A:** Your Community Liaison will contact you with the opportunity to participate in the early adopter phase. If you choose to participate, your Community Liaison will work with you to determine any support you may need and help you complete the Program Profile. If you do not wish to participate in the early adopter phase, you will remain in the queue and will be contacted again after statewide implementation.

**Q: What is the Program Profile?**

**A:** The Program Profile is a series of self-paced interviews with Early Learning and School-Age program leaders, lead teachers, and families. Following the interviews, participants receive a report that recognizes strengths and priorities of your unique program and can be used with coaching to support quality improvement. It is the first step in the revised Quality Recognition process and all participants will begin with the Program Profile.

**Q: How does participating the early adopter phase affect my timeline?**

**A:** Your Early Achievers timeline remains unchanged whether or not you participate in the early adopter phase. For specific timeline questions, please contact DCYF at [QRIS@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:QRIS@dcyf.wa.gov).



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**Q: What technology supports will be available?**

**A:** Community Liaisons in partnership with coaches will provide individualized support with accessing Coaching Companion (soon to be called the Coach Educator Collaborative Interface, or CeCi) and completing the Program Profile. Program Profile interviews may be completed in an online survey or over the phone. Support is available in multiple languages.

**Q: Do I need an account on Coaching Companion (CeCi)?**

**A:** Yes, your Community Liaison and/or coach can help you get started and can connect you with resources.

**Q: How can I prepare?**

**A:** Keep working with your coach on your existing goals. Stay up to date by visiting the DCYF Early Achievers Continuous Quality Improvement website:

**<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/early-achievers/cqi>.**