Registering for Early Achievers
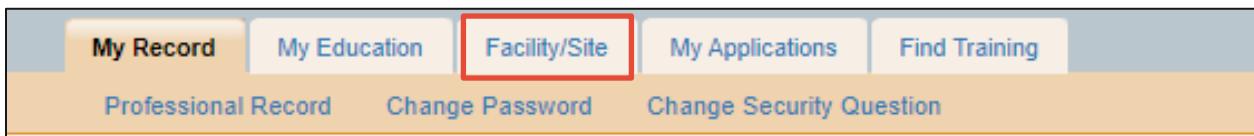
Early Achievers Purpose: Early Achievers empowers providers and educators with resources to support each child's learning and development so they can develop the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Early Achievers participation is required in order to accept Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) subsidy or serve Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP).

***For QRIS Early Achievers Support, Contact***: QRIS@dcyf.wa.gov or 1-866-922-7629

To Register for Early Achievers in MERIT, Follow the Steps Below

**1.** From the MERIT homepage, click on the Facility/Site tab at the top of the page.

Please Note: If you do not have a facility/site tab, please complete the facility/site registration.

2. Click on the blue Early Achievers tab under the Facility/Site details.
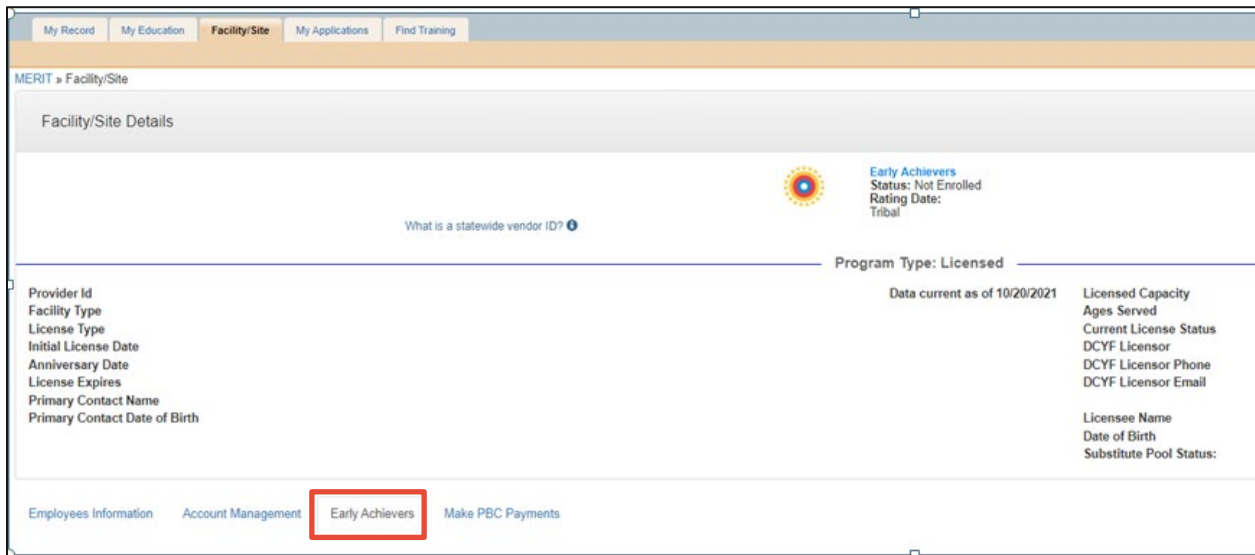
3. Scroll to the section labeled "Quality Recognition and Improvement (QRIS) Application" and select the Early Achievers Registration.
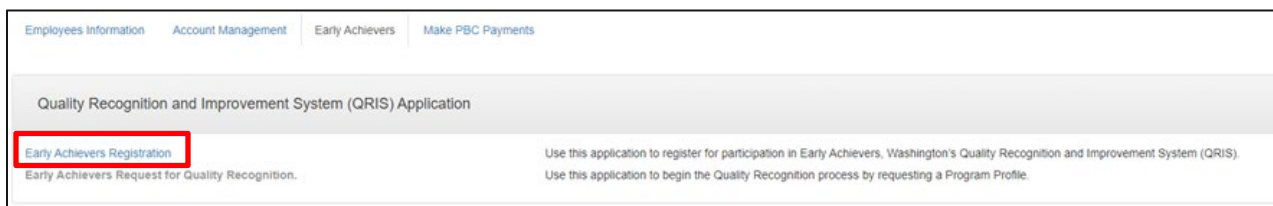
4. On page 1 of the application, confirm your program information is correct and select a QRIS Primary Contact from the drop-down menu. Program information is auto-filled based on the facility details in MERIT. If any of this information is incorrect, please contact your licensor or the QRIS inbox.

Please Note: Early Achievers primary and secondary contacts are the people at your site responsible for managing Early Achievers participation. The Early Achievers primary contact is responsible for the oversight and completion of all Early Achievers activities. In early learning programs where there are multiple administrative staff members, an Early Achievers secondary contact may be appointed to support.

5. On page 2 of the application, you will confirm your program information and contact information again. You will then complete the application assurances by checking the check boxes next to each statement. The assurances state that you understand participation in Early Achievers is voluntary and that you have read and understand the QRIS Operating Guidelines. Sign and submit the application.

Please Note: The name in the signature box must match exactly the name of the owner of the MERIT account you are using to complete the application.