

Multi-Licensing Practice ICW and IPEL Subcommittee

January 11, 2023 and January 23, 2023



What is Multi-Licensing?

- Multi-Licensing is the approval of a licensee to hold more than one out of home care license, i.e., family home foster care license and one or more licensed or certified child care licenses.
- All applicants that have held at least one license for at least one year and are 21 years of age plus, can apply for the other license.
- Each license stands on its own. A licensee can choose to close one license and remain licensed for the other.

Why Multi-Licensing (foster care and child care)

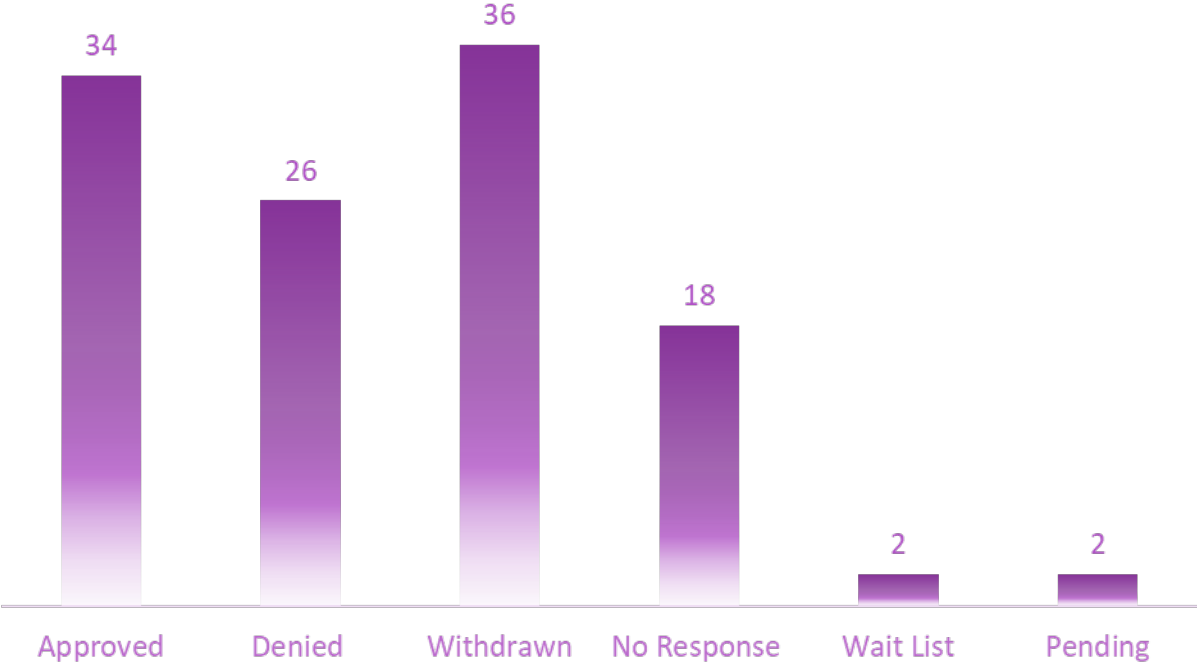
- **Allowable by RCW, WAC, and DCYF Policy**
- **Identified as a need by Foster Care reps:**
 - ✓ Placements are often declined by foster parents due to lack of child care providers in their area.
 - ✓ Could allow more children to remain in their communities.
 - ✓ Non-safety exemption could increase the ability for kinship caregivers to get licensed, if they already have an in-home child care license.
- **Identified as a need by Child Care reps:**
 - ✓ Increased access.
 - ✓ Financial support.
 - ✓ Maintaining relationship and keeping children in their community.

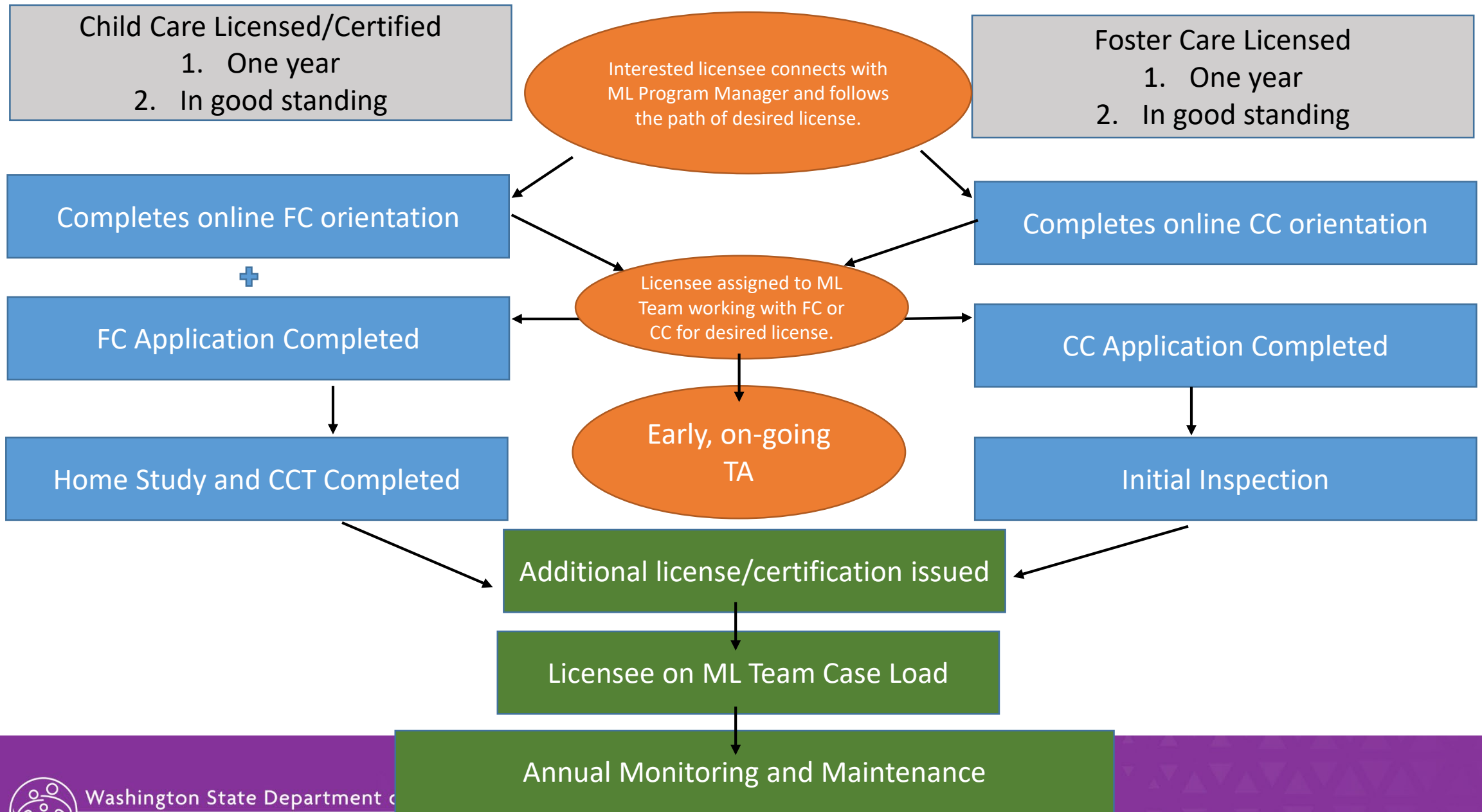


Tribal Interest and Data Results

118 PROVIDERS EXPRESSED INTEREST
15 MULTI-LICENSED

- 34% of those recruited were able to participate
- 36.5% of those able to participate were successfully dually licensed
- 24% of those initially with a Foster Home License were successfully dually licensed
- 35% of those initially with a Child care licensed were successfully dually licensed
- 67% of American Indian/Alaskan Native and 67% Hispanic/Latino who were recruited were successful in becoming dually licensed the highest race/ethnicity.





Government-to-Government Relationships and Multi-Licensing

- Potential benefits of ML Government-to-Government relations.
 - Increased child care/foster care options on reservation.
 - Children remaining in their community while receiving care.
 - Consistency of care.
 - Less transitions for children, especially those with special needs.
- Other benefits to Native families, children, and communities that you recognize?
- Questions?
- What recommendations do you have for next steps? Group Meeting?



Questions



Contact:

Michelle Giard

michelle.giard@dcyf.wa.gov

