



QRIS State Profile: Washington

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Component	State Details
INTRODUCTION	
<p>Early Achievers, Washington’s QRIS, is voluntary for licensed child care providers and helps early learning programs offer high-quality care. It gives participating child care professionals free access to coaching, professional development, and a tangible way to demonstrate their commitment to providing quality care and education for young children.</p>	
CONTACTS	
QRIS Name	Early Achievers
Organization	Washington State Department of Early Learning in partnership with Child Care Aware Washington and the University of Washington
Web Site	http://www.del.wa.gov/care/gris/
RATING LEVELS AND ASSESSMENT METHODS	
Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Level 1 ■ Level 2 ■ Level 3 ■ Level 4 ■ Level 5
Rating Assignment Method	<p>Combination: For Level 1, the facility must be licensed or have recognized, approved certification (Military, Head Start, ECEAP, Tribal). At Level 2, providers meet standards related to professional development and facility management. Points are earned to achieve levels 3, 4, and 5.</p>
Use of Environment Rating Scales (ERS) and Other Assessments	<p>For levels 3-5, in addition to earning cumulative points, there are minimum thresholds or base scores that facilities must achieve on the ERS and CLASS assessments.</p>

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Assessments Included in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) ■ Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ITERS-R) ■ Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale-Revised (FCCERS-R) ■ Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)
QRIS QUALITY STANDARDS	
QRIS Quality Standards: Categories and Web Site	<p>There is one set of standards for child care centers and FCC homes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child outcomes ■ Facility curriculum and learning environment and interactions ■ Professional development and training ■ Family engagement and partnership <p>Early Achievers Quality Standards http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/elac-qris/docs/EA_Quality_Standards.pdf Early Achievers Companion to the Quality Standards http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/elac-qris/docs/EA_facility_companion.pdf</p>
Programs Eligible to Participate in QRIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Child care centers ■ Family child care homes ■ Early Head Start programs ■ Head Start programs ■ Pre-kindergarten programs ■ Tribal and Military Child Care
Use of Accreditation	<p>Accreditation is not included in this QRIS</p>
Accreditation Organizations Accepted for QRIS	

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FINANCIAL INCENTIVES	
Financial Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Licensed programs receive annual quality improvement awards based on the rating ■ Washington Scholarships for Child Care Professionals scholarship and bonus program ■ Early Achievers Opportunity Grants ■ Tiered subsidy reimbursement- 2% subsidy increase for participating and achieving a Level 3-5 rating within 30 months (HB1723)