

When you
Join Early Achievers
support in your quality improvement
journey begins

Level 2:
**Professional Growth
and Facility Management**



Level 2 is the beginning of an ongoing journey in quality improvement — a valuable phase for all providers to receive foundational information, support and education.

All facilities receive free training and technical assistance as they prepare for a rating.

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Attend an Orientation and Connect With a Technical Assistance Specialist to Map Out Your Journey

Follow these steps:

- Attend Orientation
- Complete your professional record and facility profile in MERIT
- Register for Early Achievers in MERIT
- Once accepted, you will immediately be assigned a Technical Assistance Specialist and receive a Welcome Kit from DEL

Level 2 Activities:

- Attend Early Achievers Orientation
- Register for Early Achievers in MERIT
- Submit application with facility profile in MERIT
- Complete ERS and Washington Quality Standards self-assessments
- Complete Professional Training Series
- Ensure all teaching staff have a professional record in MERIT

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Utilize Your Technical Assistance Specialist for Individualized Support in This Pre-Rating Phase

Your TA Specialist is available to you as a resource throughout Level 2, and will:

- Provide support onsite, by phone, and e-mail
- Help plan and prioritize your activities and quality improvements during this phase
- Connect you with other peer groups for support
- Help in identifying other resources, trainings and information

Level 2 Activities Must be Completed:

- Within one year of Early Achievers Registration in MERIT
- Before a facility can request an on-site evaluation for rating

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Participate in Free Trainings Focused on Foundational Concepts that Prepare You For a Rating

Six required courses make up the Professional Training Series. Your TA Specialist will help you turn your trainings into action steps.

- Introduction to the Environment Rating Scale and CLASS
- WA Early Learning Guidelines
- WA Core Competencies for ECE Professionals
- Introduction to Cultural Competence
- Strengthening Families
- School Readiness

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Congratulations! You Are Now Ready to Apply to be Evaluated for a Rating!

You have reached the Early Achievers house! Now it's time to apply what you have learned, and build upon your skills and knowledge with additional resources available, to move children toward school readiness. You will accomplish this through:

- Coaching support
- Professional development incentives
- Quality improvement awards

