



Early Achievers Peer Mentor Guidelines

Early Achievers mentors is a voluntary opportunity to showcase the experience of early adopters while providing historical knowledge, advice and support to new child care providers participating in Early Achievers, Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System.

Early Achievers Voluntary Mentors will begin during the 2012-13 system rollouts and will be updated after the first year of expansion and as sites are rated. Eligibility criteria will change after Early Achievers is offered statewide.

Eligibility

To be considered for Early Achievers Voluntary Mentor, all of the following criteria must be met:

1. Applicant must intend to participate as an Early Achiever Participant
2. Applicant must have participated in QRIS as an Early Adopter site
3. Applicant must agree to serve as a mentor site on a volunteer basis
4. Fill out a mentor application
5. Application for Early Achiever mentor site requires regional coordinator approval

Suggested Responsibilities

1. Participate in regional groups (meetings/conference panels, provider nights, other), when available to do so
2. Available to Early Achievers for questions by phone, email or prearranged in person meeting
3. Provide feedback to DEL as needed
4. Open door for site visits

Benefits

- Upon approval, you will receive an Early Achievers Mentor Certificate that you can frame and display on site
- Your Early Achievers Mentor status may be marketed during the time you are approved
- Recognition will be given to Early Achievers mentor sites on an annual basis by DEL, and your name will be listed on the DEL web site

Guidelines

1. Appointed by DEL and Regional Coordinator (at the discretion of DEL)
2. Must re-apply on annual basis to continue as mentor each year (July to June, beginning July 1, 2012). Please note that a site rating will eventually be taken into consideration to maintain Early Achievers Mentor status
3. Funding is not available to support travel to meetings or support time involved

4. All mentor presentations will be given with a DEL or Network staff member present/co-presenting
5. Regional Coordinators will work to match up mentors to sites as needed. Not all sites will utilize mentors
6. Early Achiever mentors will always notify regional coordinator when a mentor activity is requested of them directly (and may choose what activities they agree to participate in)
7. Early Achiever mentors will share presentational materials
8. Early Achiever mentors will be available to respond to questions by DEL, Network staff, other Early Achiever sites, or the public as needed

* Applicant must be in good standing with licensing/Early Achiever participant policy followed