



Professional Training Series

The QRIS Professional Training Series is required for Level 2 participants of Early Achievers. The series has been designed to support Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System and will help providers as they prepare themselves for quality improvement work. The trainings are intended for child care center directors and family child care primary providers and are offered free of charge.

⦿ **Introduction to the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)**

Online, approximately 2 hours

This course provides an overview of the two standardized assessments used in Early Achievers as part of the comprehensive measure of program quality reflected in the rating. The focus of the ERS is on safety, organization and the age-appropriateness of daily schedule and materials within the environment. The CLASS focuses on teacher-child interactions as a means to promote children's social and cognitive development. Together these two assessments provide a comprehensive measure of the learning environment.

⦿ **Washington State Early Learning Guidelines**

Online, approximately 2 hours

This course is an introductory overview of the *Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines*, which can help orient adults to child development. The module examines the history and purpose of the Guidelines and who can use Guidelines and for what purpose. Additionally, the module provides an overview of the structure of the 2012 ELGs document and presents examples of how to use the Guidelines to support child development.

⦿ **Washington State Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals**

Online, approximately 2 hours

This course is an introductory overview of the *Washington State Core Competencies for Early Care and Education Professionals*. The goal of this course is for professional providers who care for children 0-8 in Washington to become familiar with the Core Competencies, and identify content areas for professional development.

⦿ **Introduction to Cultural Competence**

In person, 2 hours

The understanding and respect of children's cultural heritage is a foundation stone for their social/emotional well-being as well as their intellectual development. Through this training, early childhood professionals will reflect on their daily care giving and teaching practices of young children, heighten their level of awareness of cultural influences, and increase their ability to interact competently with children and families.

⦿ **QRIS Strengthening Families Training for Early Learning Professionals**

In person, 6 hours

Strengthening Families Protective Factors are new framework for child abuse and neglect prevention and promoting optimal child development. The protective factors shift the focus of child abuse and neglect prevention efforts from family risks and deficits to family strengths and resiliency. By recognizing and building on existing strengths within communities and families, we can support all families in providing a healthy, safe, and loving environment for children.

⦿ **QRIS School Readiness**

In person, 4 hours

School readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support children's learning, and schools are ready for children. Early learning providers have a wonderful opportunity to support this process and ensure success for children. The training will introduce and model instructional techniques measured in the CLASS: emotional support, well organized learning environments, and instructional techniques. Participants can apply these techniques to increase the quality of interactions in their facility and prepare themselves for an Early Achievers on-site evaluation.