

Early Achievers is Washington's quality rating and improvement system. It helps ensure that families have access to high-quality early learning programs.

Early Achievers is built on the best research available about creating the types of environments that young children need to reach their full potential and be ready for success in school.

Available statewide, Early Achievers is a free, voluntary program that provides training, technical assistance, consultation, coaching, and financial incentives to:

- Licensed child care facilities
- Tribal and military certified programs
- State and federally funded preschool programs (the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, or ECEAP, and Head Start)

Early Achievers participants are evaluated and assigned a rating, which is made available to families to help them make child care choices. The participants and their Early Achievers coach use the evaluation data to create a plan for enhancing program quality.

Early Achievers is funded through the federal Child Care and Development Fund grant and a federal Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant.

Washington has 2,243 licensed child care providers in Early Achievers, which is 42 percent of licensed providers in the state. This includes 879 centers and 1,364 family homes. Early Achievers is not yet available to school-age child care programs.



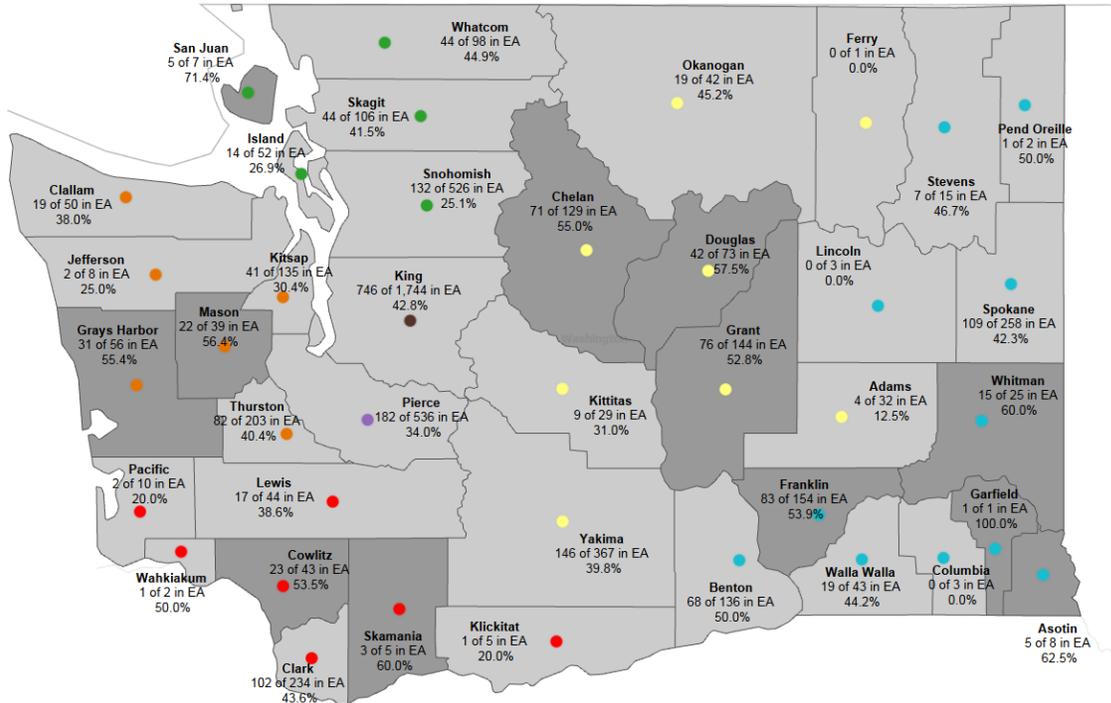
Early Achievers partners:

DEL sets policy and provides funding for Early Achievers.

Child Care Aware of Washington does local outreach and provides the technical assistance and coaching.

The University of Washington provides training and support for coaches, and conducts the overall program evaluation.

Licensed child care participation by county



Data as of November 30, 2014

% of Providers in EA Compared to Target

- Above Target
- Below Target

Region

- Central WA
- Eastern WA
- King County
- Northwest WA
- Olympic Peninsula
- Southwest WA
- Tacoma/Pierce