



Introducing the New Level 2 Completion Incentive!

This is an additional \$250.00 incentive for participating Early Achievers facilities who complete Level 2 activities and submit the “Application for Level 2” in MERIT between July 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017. The purpose of the incentive is to support the facility to prepare for rating, to potentially achieve a rated Level 3.

Who is eligible?

Any participating Early Achievers facility, in good standing* with licensing, offering services to families accessing state child care subsidies, who completes the foundational requirements that must be done prior to requesting a rating, also known as Level 2 activities, between July 1, 2016 and June 1, 2017** is eligible.

*Good standing as defined in the Early Achievers Operating Guidelines.

**A facility must use funding towards activities described in this document, while participating in Early Achievers. Should a site withdraw from Early Achievers before June 1, 2017, any unspent funds must be returned to DEL.

How do you get it?

By submitting the Early Achievers Application for Level 2 in MERIT, once all Level 2 activities are completed.

What can I spend it on?

Curriculum development, instructional materials, supplies, storage materials, active physical play/gross motor materials and other equipment to support quality improvement.

How does the application process work?

No application process required! This works by utilizing MERIT data to provide reports to DEL Fiscal on a weekly basis. Fiscal batches out payments to participants. A W-9/Statewide Vendor Payee form needs to be collected from eligible participants.