



## Early Achievers Subsidy Quality Incentive Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

[House Bill 1723](#) aims to expand high quality opportunities for all birth-to-5 early learning services. Beginning September 1, 2013, child care providers who register to participate in Early Achievers are eligible for an additional 2% incentive.

### What is the quality incentive?

The Early Achievers Subsidy Quality Incentive is a 2% increase of the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) base rate subsidy amount billed by an eligible provider. It does **not** include:

- Registration fees
- Field trip fees
- Non-standard hour bonuses
- Special needs increases
- Other increases or bonuses

### Who qualifies for the incentive?

Eligible child care providers who are participating in Early Achievers at a Level 2 and serving children and families accessing WCCC subsidies are eligible for the Early Achievers Subsidy Quality Incentive.

- Level 2 providers must advance to a Level 3 or higher rating within **30 months** to maintain the incentive.
- Regardless of when a current participant registered for Early Achievers prior to enactment of House Bill 1723, the 30 month timeline to complete Level 2 **and** be rated a Level 3 or higher began on September 1, 2013.

### When will I see the incentive?

Once a provider is registered with Early Achievers, and serving children and families accessing WCCC subsidies, the quality incentive will appear on the following month's invoice.

### Who may I contact if I have questions?

Contact us at [QRIS@del.wa.gov](mailto:QRIS@del.wa.gov).