**DCYF is Accepting Applications for the Provider Supports Subcommittee of the Early Learning Advisory Council**

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is recruiting members for the Provider Supports Subcommittee of the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC). We are currently recruiting for interested and qualified individuals with expertise in the Washington State child care system. Representatives shall include:

* Family Home Child Care Providers
* Child Care Center Providers
* Outdoor Nature-Based Child Care Providers
* School-Age Providers
* Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Providers
* Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) Providers
* Tribal Governments
* Contractors for Early Achievers Program Technical Assistance and Coaching
* Organization Responsible for Conducting Early Achievers Program Ratings

## About Provider Supports Subcommittee

The Provider Supports Subcommittee of ELAC was created in January 2020 as a standing committee to discuss and advise on all services around early learning providers, including but not limited to; licensing policy, WAC changes, agency request legislation, administrative concerns, subsidy rules/rates, trauma expertise, intervention and prevention, developmental disabilities, whole family health, Early Achievers procedures and protocols, etc.

## Membership

Members are reflective of Washington's regional, racial, and cultural diversity and are committed to racial equity and consider cultural and linguistic responsiveness as key aspects of their work.

Members serve two-year terms that expire on June 30 of the second year. The Subcommittee meets at least six times per year; generally, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members are expected to attend the majority of meetings and be prepared to actively participate. Participants who volunteer in additional subcommittees or work groups should expect to meet outside of the regular meeting dates.

Subcommittee members are eligible for mileage reimbursements (*when meetings resume in-person*) to help support participation. Mileage will be reimbursed at current state travel reimbursement rates and in accordance with the State of Washington Office of Financial Management Travel Regulations. Current rates for travel can be accessed at: <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/policy/10.90.htm#10.90.10>.

## Process and Timeline

**June 30, 2023**: Applications Due

**July 17, 2023**: Applications Reviewed

**July 24, 2023**: Applicants Notified

**August 2023**: Member Terms begin

**August 9, 2023:** First Meeting for Newly Appointed Members

**Supplemental Questions**

We welcome you to answer the questions in a way that helps you best express yourself. This may include written answers, video (YouTube), electronic submission, or phone conversations. If you would like to schedule a phone call to address the questions, please contact us at [dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov) **by June 19, 2023**. Otherwise, please fill out the questions and submit it in one of the following ways **by June 30, 2023**:

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| **Email**:  [dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov) | **Electronically:**  [SurveyMonkey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWGL3P7) |

Feel free to contact us ([dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov](mailto:dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov)) with any questions.

*All information shared below will only be used for this recruitment process. Thank you for completing.*

Name:  City:

Business/Organization:

Phone Number(s):  Email Address:

What is the best way to reach you?

Race and Ethnicity (optional):

1. Why are you interested in serving as a representative on the Provider Supports subcommittee?

1. What area(s) of expertise do you represent and would bring to this group?

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| Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care | Early Achievers |
| Developmental Disabilities | Trauma Informed Care |
| Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) | Seasonal Child Care |
| Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Services (ECLIPSE/MTCC) | Infant or Early Childhood Mental Health  Child Care Center |
| Subsidy | School-Age Programs  Family Home Child Care |
| Outdoor Nature-Based Child Care Programs | Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) |
| Head Start/Early Head Start  Tribal ECEAP | Prenatal to Three Services |
| Early Childhood Education and Assistance  Program (ECEAP)  Other: |  |

1. What is your perspective on or approach to providing equitable early learning opportunities in Washington State?

1. What impact do you hope to see the subcommittee have on early learning in Washington, and how do you want to contribute to that effort?

1. How did you hear about this announcement and/or who referred you?

1. Please share anything else you would like us to know about you, your experiences and why you feel you’d be a good representative for Washington’s child care system**.**