



Provider Supports Subcommittee Feedback Loop

August 14, 2024

Recommendations, Input and Decisions Made, Status Updates

Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings

Licensing/CPS Investigation FAQ Docs

The final versions of the Licensing/CPS Investigation FAQ docs have been approved and posted on the DCYF Publications Library; links included below:

Licensing Division (LD) Child Protective Services (LD/CPS) Investigation FAQ for Child Care Owners & Directors

ENGLISH: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/LIC_0156.pdf

SOMALI: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/LIC_0156SM.pdf

SPANISH: https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pubs/LIC_0156SP.pdf

Licensing Division (LD) Non-CPS Complaint Inspection FAQ for Child Care Owners & Directors

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DEVELOP Update

DCYF has made the decision not to move forward with DEVELOP. DCYF had anticipated DEVELOP would be ready for use beginning summer 2024, and it was planned to be the new and improved learning management system (LMS) for early learning and school-age providers.

DCYF made this decision because of findings from an analysis of DEVELOP conducted by DCYF. This analysis was started after DCYF received interest in DEVELOP from other programs across the agency. This interest from other programs broadened the scope and timeline for the project. A potential expansion of DEVELOP at DCYF necessitated an analysis of the initial 2018 needs, current project scope, and feedback from the people involved across the project.

Instead of proceeding with DEVELOP, DCYF will take steps to transition any work in progress for DEVELOP to existing systems, further investigate needs and opportunities across agency programs, and define a governance structure to support alignment with DCYF priorities. Nicole Rose, assistant secretary of Early Learning, will be the executive sponsor for MERIT and the current Online Training Portal.

DCYF is committed to providing user-centered technology solutions. Thank you to everyone who has supported this project since the beginning. We look forward to your continued partnership in the next phase of our early learning, school-age, and potential agency-wide work.

Early Learning Providers

Find Training

Early Learning providers and other professionals can continue to search for trainings in [MERIT](#).

Online Training Portal

Early Learning providers and other professionals can continue to find and complete required trainings in [DCYF's Online Training Portal](#).



MERIT

MERIT will continue to be the place where:

- Employment, training, and educational accomplishments get recorded for the Early Learning workforce;
- Employee records for a facility or site are managed;
- Portable Background Check applications are completed; and
- Licensors view records and conduct monitoring processes.

State Approved Trainers

Trainer Renewal

Trainer status will continue to be managed in MERIT. If you are a trainer with a status expiring in 2024, we have automatically extend it. No action is needed on your part. New trainers should continue to apply in [MERIT](#).

Training Submission

Trainers should continue entering training templates and rosters in MERIT. For any new training templates after June 2024, you may create a new template following [DCYF Training Procedure 510 Maintaining Records](#).

For questions, please contact training@dcyf.wa.gov.