

The LOVIT Way Program Evaluation Process

The LOVIT Way Program Evaluation Process (PEP) is an evaluation and planning tool designed by the Aboriginal Head Start Association of British Columbia to enhance Indigenous Early Childhood program delivery. The LOVIT Way PEP is an alternative process for tribal early learning programs participating in Early Achievers.

The LOVIT Way PEP is a culturally inspired process:

- Stands for **L**earning to **O**bserve, **V**alue, **I**nspire and **T**ransform.
- Culture and language are at the heart of it.
- Promotes respectful listening and sharing.
- Leads to purposeful and cooperative action.

What makes it unique?

- It's user-friendly and culturally relevant.
- The approach is holistic, locally controlled, and respectful of local values, traditions, and practices.
- Involves staff, parents, families, and community members to validate unique program strengths, challenges, and goals.
- Provides continued accountability and support in quality programming.

How does it fit into Early Achievers?

When using The LOVIT Way PEP, tribal programs do not use the Learning Environment standard area of Early Achievers. Programs don't have to complete the Program Profile or Video Highlights.

Tribal programs using The LOVIT Way PEP still take part in Early Achievers continuous quality improvement, where coaching is a key element. Tribal early care and education providers have a variety of options to earn points toward the Early Achievers Quality Recognition Level.

What to expect from The LOVIT Way PEP:

Here's what the Early Achievers Quality Recognition Cycle process looks like for tribal early care and education programs that use The LOVIT Way PEP:

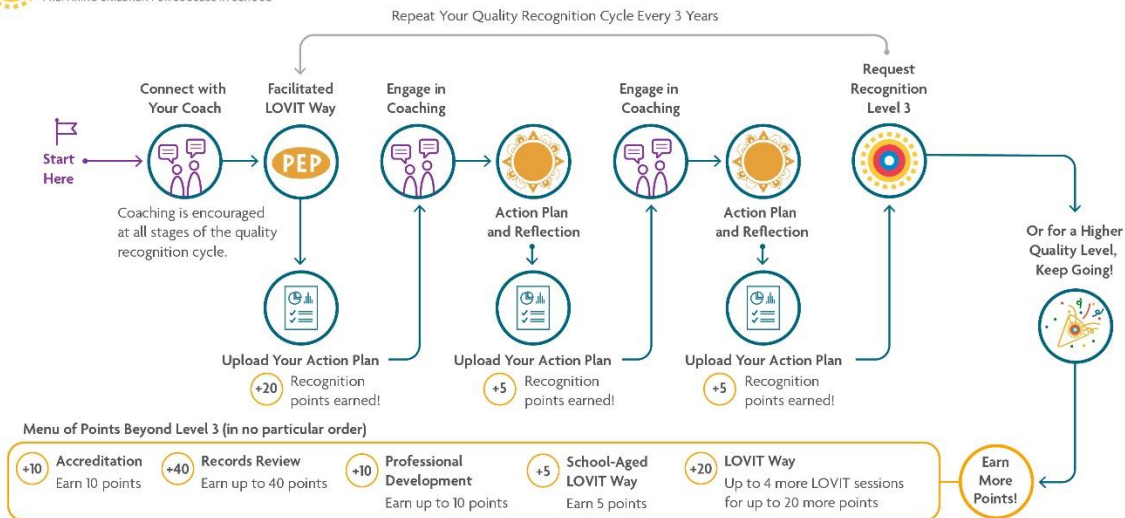


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The LOVIT Way Quality Recognition Cycle



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- A Community Liaison and Quality Recognition Specialist to help with planning.
- An in-person PEP is completed once every three years, with regular virtual follow-up action plans along the way.
- Completed report and action plan(s) are submitted for Early Achievers credit.
- After completing the in-person PEP and two follow-up action plans, programs can reach an Early Achievers Quality Level 3 or keep working toward a higher Quality Level.

How to request The LOVIT Way PEP:

If you are a tribal early care and education program interested in participating, email cqel@uw.edu.

Learn more:

- **Addendum to the Early Achievers Operating Guidelines**
(<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/ea/The-LOVIT-Way-PEP.pdf>)
- <https://www.thelovitway.ca>

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