



## QRIS SPENDING REPORT 2019-2021 AND 2021-2023 BIENNIA



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**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**

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### Overview

This report is prepared in compliance with [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5950, Section 229\(11\)](#), which directs the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to report to the governor and the legislature, the total amount of funds spent on the quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) and the total amount of funds spent on degree incentives, scholarships, and tuition reimbursements, on a bi-annual basis. This report provides the funds spent during the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 biennia.

### Spending Amounts

The following table provides the required spending total amounts for the QRIS, degree incentives, scholarships, and tuition reimbursements spent in the 2019-2021 and 2021-2023 biennia.

| Spending   | 2019-2021           | 2021-2023           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| QRIS   | \$95,940,556        | \$85,856,280        |
| Scholarships and Training Reimbursement            | \$13,647,167        | \$14,728,307        |
| Professional Development Incentives                | <u>\$ 1,607,924</u> | <u>\$ 2,720,193</u> |
| <b>Total Incentive, Scholarship, Reimbursement</b> | <b>\$15,255,092</b> | <b>\$17,448,500</b> |

### About Early Achievers

Early Achievers, Washington's QRIS, is focused on recognizing early learning programs that offer high-quality care to support each child's learning and development. Early Achievers is a framework designed to:

- Ensure children have high quality early learning experiences to develop skills they need to be successful in school and life.
- Support early learning professionals by offering resources such as professional development, coaching, and financial supports.
- Help families and caregivers find high-quality child care and early learning programs that fit their unique needs.

### Implementation Partners

The QRIS includes contracts with QRIS implementing partners, such as Child Care Aware of Washington and the University of Washington Cultivate Learning. System implementation includes:

- Training, quality institutes, coaching and technical assistance,
- Ratings and monitoring,
- Birth to Three Quality Initiative,

- Program evaluation, and
- Incentives, such as Quality Improvement Awards, Needs-Based Grants and substitute pool.

### Impact

QRIS spending directly impacts the Early Care and Education field through licensed and certified child care programs. These programs include family home and child care center early learning programs, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs and Tribal programs. DCYF contracts with Child Care Aware of Washington and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to support early care and education professionals with certificate and degree attainment to meet licensing staff qualifications and increase professional development.

DCYF uses training reimbursement and education awards to recognize the educational achievements of early learning professionals.

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