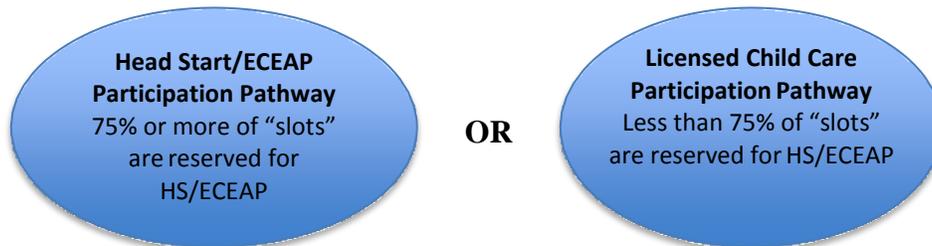


Head Start/ECEAP & Child Care “Blended Enrollment” Sites

If your child care facility provides Head Start or ECEAP services, there are some important steps to consider as you become an Early Achievers participant:

1. **Recognize that your program is already a step ahead on quality** - Providing Head Start or ECEAP services means your program is already providing many of the services and practices that align with meeting Early Achievers Quality Standards.
2. **Understand which Early Achievers participation pathway is available to you** based upon your facility profile:

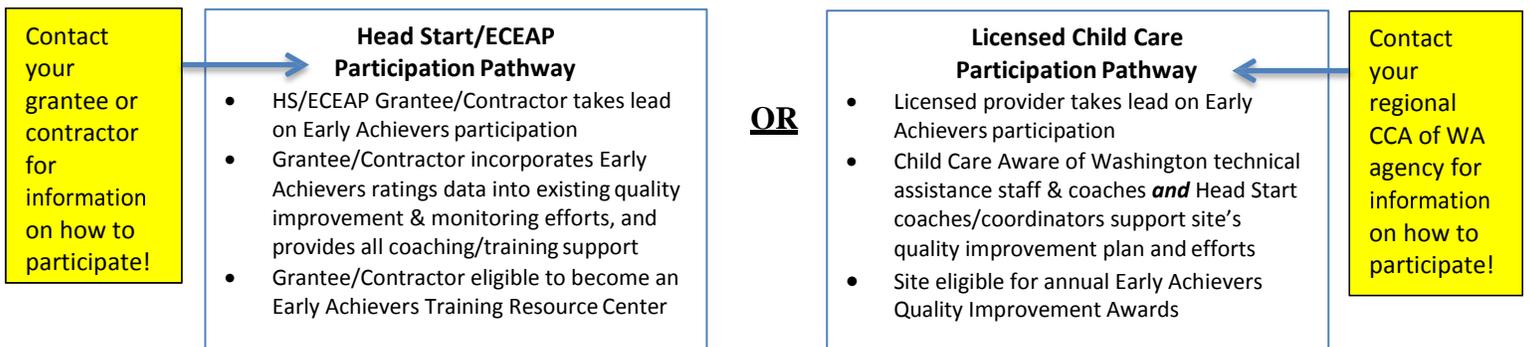


The Head Start/ECEAP pathway - If 75% or more of the child “slots” are reserved for Head Start/ECEAP children, your site is eligible to participate in Early Achievers via the Head Start/ECEAP participation pathway – a set of participation steps that provides “credit” for the program performance standards and requirements that are built into Head Start and ECEAP.

The Licensed Child Care pathway - If less than 75% of the slots at your site are reserved for Head Start or ECEAP children, your site participates in Early Achievers via the “licensed child care pathway”, just like licensed child care facilities/providers that do not serve Head Start/ECEAP children.



3. **Learn about how the joint resources and supports provided by Early Achievers and Head Start/ECEAP can benefit your program** (and the children, families and staff at your site):



Contact your grantee or contractor for information on how to participate!

Head Start/ECEAP Participation Pathway

- HS/ECEAP Grantee/Contractor takes lead on Early Achievers participation
- Grantee/Contractor incorporates Early Achievers ratings data into existing quality improvement & monitoring efforts, and provides all coaching/training support
- Grantee/Contractor eligible to become an Early Achievers Training Resource Center

Licensed Child Care Participation Pathway

- Licensed provider takes lead on Early Achievers participation
- Child Care Aware of Washington technical assistance staff & coaches **and** Head Start coaches/coordinators support site’s quality improvement plan and efforts
- Site eligible for annual Early Achievers Quality Improvement Awards

Contact your regional CCA of WA agency for information on how to participate!