

## **Snohomish County Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program**

### **Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Services Qualified Providers Certification Process**

Snohomish County has an open qualified provider certification process for Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Services. Certification of qualified early support providers is required to be eligible for public funding of services through Snohomish County. Potential public funding available for early support services for eligible children comes from the Washington State Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), the Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).

Snohomish County reserves the right to limit the number of providers certified as ESIT Services Qualified Providers, based on service needs within Snohomish County. In addition, certification as an ESIT Services Qualified Providers **does not guarantee** that the provider will obtain an ESIT Service Provider Agreement with Snohomish County.

Snohomish County, as the County Lead Agency for ESIT Services, works closely in partnership with the current Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Service Providers to determine if service needs warrant the addition of new service providers or resources.

It is the **intention and expectation** of Snohomish County that all services by ESIT Services Qualified Providers will be provided in natural learning environments. Natural learning environments are settings that are natural or typical for a same-aged infant or toddler without a disability, which may include the home or community settings, and must be consistent with the provisions of IDEA, Part C, 34 CFR 303.26 and ESIT's policies and procedures.

Certification requirements to become an ESIT Qualified Service Provider are detailed in the Snohomish County Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Services Qualified Providers Certification document. To maintain qualification status, the provider must successfully complete a monitoring review every two years. All corrective actions on the monitoring report must be completed prior to contracting for another year.

Interested agencies may request a meeting with the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers Program to discuss the requirements, review the Snohomish County ESIT Service Provider Agreement Contract, and present their service delivery structure as an ESIT Service Provider agency.

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