

Snohomish County Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Program

ESIT Qualified Providers Certification Process

Snohomish County has an open qualified provider certification process for ESIT Services. Certification of qualified ESIT providers is required to be eligible for public funding of services through Snohomish County. Potential public funding available for ESIT services eligible children comes from the Washington State Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and from state special education funding through school districts.

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

Snohomish County, as the County Lead Agency, works closely in partnership with the current ESIT 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 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 Provider are detailed in the Snohomish County ESIT Services Qualified Provider 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 Toddler's Program to discuss the requirements, review the Snohomish County ESIT Provider Agreement Contract, and present their service delivery structure as an ESIT service agency.

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