

# 5 REASONS

*for licensed providers  
to participate  
in the ERDC program*

The ERDC program is going through changes, including higher provider payment rates, more affordable co-pays, and rounding up to part- or full-time hour approvals for families.

## Why consider accepting ERDC now?



The option to bill at the beginning of the month and the switch to enrollment-based pay will lead to ERDC payments that are more predictable, reliable, and stable for providers.



Because you are already licensed, it's quick and easy to begin participating in ERDC! Complete the [Provider Listing Form](#), and you could be approved to serve eligible families in just a few days.



You will be able to help more low-income families access child care, a priority for many providers. Additionally, you can serve ERDC families while participating in Preschool Promise and other child care programs.



The Direct Pay Unit is available to support you through the ERDC listing process, and their provider specialist can offer ongoing support when you have questions about the ERDC program or payments.



You may already have families who are eligible for the program, especially with [recent eligibility expansions](#). Accepting ERDC would allow you to keep those children in your care while reducing the burden of child care costs from those families.

*“Being a licensed ERDC provider has improved my business in more ways than one. Being able to offer families the option to have help in paying for their child care has been a huge success. ERDC helps our working families afford quality child care. I appreciate ERDC’s seamless service and timely responses and payment.”*

*— Jaecie Lopez, Wiggles and Giggles Day Care, Ontario, Ore.*

**For the past few years, we’ve made this program work better for providers and families. We will continue to improve the ERDC program as it migrates to the new Department of Early Learning and Care on July 1, 2023.**