



Department of Children and Youth Memo 26-053

TO: Ohio Licensed Family Child Care Providers, Experience Curriculum Users

FROM: Diane Fox, Deputy Director of Training Technical Assistance and Practice

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SUBJECT: Experience Curriculum and/or Assessment Renewal Request Process

Background

Ohio Family Child Care (FCC) providers who participate in Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) must implement an aligned, comprehensive research-based curriculum for all infant, toddler, and preschool age children. FCC providers who have a Gold or Silver rating are also required to complete a comprehensive child assessment twice per year under SUTQ. In fall 2026, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) began a partnership with Experience Curriculum to provide free curriculum and assessments to Family Child Care (FCC) providers, for one year.

Purpose

For the 2026/2027 renewal cycle, FCC providers will need to confirm their interest in continuing to use the Experience Curriculum and/or Assessment materials and digital access. Providers will receive direct communications from the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) with specific instructions to follow. Providers will receive communications in order by the date in which they received their first shipment of materials:

- Cohort 1 (October 2025, November 2025, December 2025) - scheduled for August 2026
- Cohort 2 (January 2026, February 2026, March 2026) - scheduled for October 2026
- Cohort 3 (April 2026, May 2026, June 2026) - scheduled for January 2027

Requirements

FCC providers will be required to complete a digital request form that will be linked in their direct communication. If providers do not complete the digital request form, their materials and digital access will expire on the last day of the month, one year from the date they began receiving their materials. For example: Providers who received materials and digital



access in October 2025, the digital access and shipment of materials will expire on October 31, 2026, if the renewal request is not completed.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, contact ELSR@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.