

2025-2026 Cost of Care- Tips

Note: The Cost of Care Survey is mandatory.

The data will be provided to the Early Learning Programs Estimate conference and will be used with a legislative report on the cost of care. The information will guide the State when they reallocate funding to early learning programs. This survey is vital to determine the cost of care in our area. We ask that you give a real-life estimation of your costs. Please take a moment to fill out this six-question survey.

1. Log into to the DEL Provider Portal to login to your account.
2. On your home screen there will be a Pop-Up labeled provider Cost of Care Estimate.
3. Click Proceed to Provider Cost of Care Estimate.
4. Answer the six-question survey. Click [HERE](#) for examples on how to answer the questions.
5. Confirm that you have opted to save your progress, by clicking yes.
6. Submit an estimate to submit the survey.

If you completed the Cost of Care Survey last year, you can find it in Common Tasks and use it as reference for your 2025-2026 Cost of Care Survey.