

Early Learning Budget Items

Conference Committee Report

Issue	Funding	Notes
<u>Working Connections Child Care</u>		
Rates	\$31.490 million	Moves family child care and child care center rates to the 65 th percentile at level 2
Co-pay	\$6 million	Sets co-pays at lesser of 12% of income or the co-pay under the current structure along with increasing second tier eligibility from 220 to 250 percent of the federal poverty level
<u>ECEAP</u>		
Rates	\$6.903 million	Increase rates by 5%
Complex needs	\$2.220 million	Create complex needs fund for students with behavioral needs
<u>Early Learning Facilities Fund</u>	\$7.3 million	+ \$4.234 million for the Early Learning Facilities grants and loans + \$3 million for specific early learning projects* + \$100,000 for technical assistance
<u>Provider Supports</u>	\$1.669 million provider scholarship waitlist \$1.854 million additional provider scholarships \$3.079 million for standards alignment	For the \$1.669 million, funding for 450 students at 20 credits at \$180/credit plus 3% administrative costs.

	\$500,000 for HB 2556 implementation	
<u>Integrated Early Learning</u>	OFM - \$480,00 DCYF - \$375,000 OSPI - \$200,000	Report due 9/1/20
<u>Home Visiting Services Account Spending Authority</u>	\$1.8 million	Increases spending authority for Home Visiting Services Account
<u>Parenting High School Students</u>	\$652,000	Funds HB 2455 which clarifies eligibility for Working Connections Child Care, eliminates co-payments and provides transportation.
<u>Homeless Grace Period</u>	\$1.901 million	Funds HB 2456 which extends the grace period for Working Connections Child Care eligibility for families experiencing homelessness from four to twelve months.
<u>Child Care Technical Assistance</u>	\$1.5 million	Through Department of Commerce, grants, technical assistance and administration to increase child care capacity in communities.
<u>Vendor Rates</u>	\$40,000	OFM to look at vendor rates for low-income individuals at DCYF, DSHS, DOC. Report due by 12/1/20. Report to include: 1) current rates; 2) history of rate increases since 2010; 3) comparison of rates to inflation; and 4) summary of billing methodology for rates.
<u>Whatcom County</u>	\$500,000	Funding via Department of Commerce to address the child care capacity challenge in Whatcom County.

<u>Background Checks</u>	\$376,000	Funding to support staff to improve timely completion of background checks
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***\$3 million for targeted projects:**

Centralia-Chehalis Early Learning Conversion Project: \$1 million (for a total of \$3 million for the biennium)

Club Discovery Early Learning \$100,000

Anacortes Family Center \$309,000

Boys and Girls Club Daycare \$773,000

Issaquah School District Early Learning Center \$155,000

Opportunity Council Early Learning Central Kitchen \$52,000

Samish Longhouse Early Learning Center Expansion \$273,000

Triumph Treatment Services Child Care \$300,000