

Summary of Key Components of 2021-23 Operating and Capital Budgets

Issue	Final Funding Level/Budget Language
Child Care Provider Stabilization grants	<p>\$400,000,000 in federal money</p> <p>Proviso language provides that at least 10% of each grant awarded must be used for compensation increases to employees working at the facility.</p> <p>DCYF should make every effort to distribute 75% of the funding by 1/1/22 and the remaining 25% by 6/30/22.</p> <p>DCYF should prioritize providers in child care deserts, providers serving or located in marginalized, low-income communities or communities of color, and providers helping to support racial equity statewide.</p> <p>Grants can be used for rent or mortgage; co-payment or tuition waivers; child care for disadvantaged populations; child care during summer months, nonstandard hours and school-age children; outreach to families who may have stopped attending due to cost; mental health supports for children and employees; broadband access for providers that care for school-age children; and personnel costs.</p>
Working Connections Child Care Eligibility	\$17,359,000 in federal money to increase eligibility to 60% of State Median Income on 10/1/21
Working Connections Child Care Reimbursement Rate	\$116,805,000 in federal money to increase rates to 85 th percentile of market rate on 7/1/21
Working Connections Child Care Co-pay	<p>\$76,731,000 in federal money to support the following co-payment reforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At or below 20% of SMI (State Median Income): waived to the extent allowable under federal law, or maximum of \$15 Above 20% and at or below 36% of SMI: \$65 Above 36% and at or below 50% of SMI: \$115 until 12/31/21 and \$90 beginning 1/1/22

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Family Child Care Collective Bargaining Agreement	\$6,390,000 State-General Fund to operationalize the 2021-23 Collective Bargaining Agreement, including a 17.6% increase in the non-standard hour bonus rate, a 2% tiered reimbursement increase for level 3.5 and a \$0.35 per hour/per child rate increase for Family, Friend and Neighbor providers.
Working Connections Student Parents	\$8,833,000 in federal money to relieve the work requirements for student parents participating in certain programs starting 7/1/21
Infant Care Enhancement	\$2,521,000 in federal money for a 5% rate enhancement
Dual Language Rate Enhancement	\$3,380,000 in State-General Fund for providers who provide bilingual instruction
Working Connections Child Care Implementation	\$2,487,000 in federal dollars for DCYF administrative costs
Delay ECEAP Entitlement from 2022-23 to 2026-27	Savings of \$57,929,000
ECEAP Rates	10% rate increase \$29,819,000 (\$14,930,000 State-General Fund and \$14,889,000 in federal funds)
ECEAP Slot Expansion	\$24,898,000 (\$14,930,000 State-General Fund and \$9,968,000 in federal funds) 500 slots in FY 22 and 750 slots in FY 23; 80% of slots are full-day and 20% are extended-day
Summer ECEAP	\$900,000 to support ECEAP services in July and August 2021 to 468 children whose ECEAP enrollment was delayed or disrupted due to COVID
Early ECEAP Expansion	\$3,781,000 to expand Early ECEAP
ECEAP Entitlement and Integration	\$1,010,000 State-General Fund for development of a plan to achieve ECEAP entitlement and for continued collaboration with OSPI to finalize a report with recommendations on how to align all early learning programs administered by OSPI and DYCF. The report is due 9/1/22.

Home Visiting	<p>\$11,070,000 million for home visiting. This includes \$2,771,000 for fiscal year 2022, \$5,299,000 for fiscal year 2023 in Home Visiting Services Account funds and \$3 million in one-time MIECHV money.</p> <p>Funding is provided to expand service, data collection and to support local implementing agencies.</p> <p>Funding is sufficient to support at least 160 slots in FY 22 and 450 slots in FY 23, with additional expansion assumed in the 2023-25 biennium.</p> <p>Proviso language related to contracting timelines, reporting on budget and enrollment and Home Visiting Advisory Committee recommendations</p>
Complex Needs Funds	\$9,674,000 for ECEAP, Early ECEAP and Working Connections Child Care (\$5,070 State-General Fund and \$4,604,000 federal)
Trauma Informed Care Supports	\$2,802,000 in federal funds for DCYF to support early learning professionals in providing trauma-informed care
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$2,400,000 in federal funds, including support for 6 additional consultants
Professional Development	\$8,021,000 (\$2,005,000 State-General Fund and \$6,016,000 federal) for professional development, including scholarships, Early Achievers pathways and trainings.
Equity Grants	\$5,309,000 for equity grants (\$1,327,000 State-General Fund and \$3,982,000 in federal money). Equity grants are to expand access statewide and to support inclusive, culturally and linguistically specific early learning.
Child Care Health Premium Assistance	\$30,266,000 in federal money to administer the Child Care Premium Assistance Program for employees working in a licensed child care facility. There's also \$400,000 in federal money for one or more lead navigator organizations to promote access to health services through outreach and insurance plan enrollment assistance for employees working in licensed child care.
Help Me Grow	\$530,000 State-General Fund for a statewide family resource and referral linkage system
Employer Supported Child Care	\$829,000 State General-Fund for DCYF and Department of Commerce to advance employer supported child care initiatives

Child Care Collaborative Task Force	\$335,000 State-General Fund for the Department of Commerce and DCYF to continue the work of the Child Care Collaborative Task Force, particularly around the true cost of quality. Recommendations due to the Legislature by 11/1/22.
Fair Start for Kids Act Oversight	\$543,000 State-General Fund for Fair Start implementation, including operations of the Early Learning Advisory Council
Early Learning Facilities Capital Budget	<p>A total of \$55.7 million for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$32.5 million in grants and loans - \$10 million for minor renovations and small capital projects - \$8.5 million for renovations related to COVID (federal funds) - \$4.7 million for 9 specific school district projects <p>Of the \$32.5 million for grants and loans, the dollars break down as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$23.911 million in competitive grants - \$7.5 million for loans - \$1.089 million for four specific projects <p>Proviso language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows for up to 4% of the grant <u>and</u> the loan funds to be used for technical assistance for providers interested in applying. - Requires Commerce to track the number of slots being constructed separately from the number of slots being renovated and must also track the number of Working Connections and ECEAP slots supported by these projects. - Applicants from rural communities or extreme child care deserts are to receive priority points. - Requires DCYF to adopt a methodology to identify the geographic locations of where ECEAP slots are needed to meet entitlement. - Requires Commerce and DCYF to provide a legislative report by 12/1/22 regarding the geographic diversity of the grants.