

Governor's Proposed Budget

2023-25 KEY EARLY LEARNING ITEMS



CHILD CARE

Family Child Care Collective Bargaining	\$231.165M	This funding would increase the Family, Friend and Neighbor (FFN) hourly rate to \$3.85 in SFY 24 and \$4 in SFY 25; increase the base subsidy rate to the 85th percentile of the 2021 market rate survey, increase the cost of care rate enhancement to \$2,100 per month; pay for background checks and fingerprinting for licensed family home providers.
Child Care Center Rate Increase Working Connections Child Care	\$142.4M in new funding	This funding would ensure all providers are paid a rate that reflects at least the 85th percentile of the 2021 market rate survey. This includes a subset of providers who were paid at a rate that exceeded the market rate and will not receive a reduction in payment.
Equity Grants	\$18.69M	
Working Connections Child Care Complex Needs	\$15.396M	
Background Check Fee Assistance	\$897,000	This funding includes payment of background check application fees and fingerprint processing fees for FY 24.

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Rate Increase	\$107.026M	This funding includes a 40% rate increase.
Expansion	\$83.583M	This funding supports 2,000 new slots per year; of these, 1,700 are school-day and 300 working-day.
Complex Needs Fund	\$11.084M	

EARLY LEARNING FACILITIES (CAPITAL BUDGET)

Early Learning Facilities Expansion	\$40M	
Facilities Minor Renovation	\$5M	
School Districts	\$5.4M	Funding for Bethel School District \$1.08M; Highline School District \$809,000; Issaquah School District \$1.057M; Orondo School District \$1.080M; South Bend School District \$300,000; and the Toppenish School District \$1.08M.

HOME VISITING

Contract Adjustments	\$9.3M	
Expansion	\$1.5M	This funding would serve 160-200 new families.

OTHER EARLY LEARNING INVESTMENTS

Audit Resolution	\$2.583M	This funding is in response to the State Auditor's findings, which includes funding and FTE staff to allow DCYF to perform cost allocation at the child-level detail.
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$5.279M	
Pierce County Prevention Pilot	\$1.742M	This funding would continue the pilot in Pierce County for universal newborn supports and resource linkages.
Tribal Early Learning Grants	\$10.279M	This is one-time funding to provide early learning grants to provide culturally appropriate early learning opportunities for Tribal children.

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