Early Learning Budgets

LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2022



Senate Proposed Budget

Working Connections Child Care

A total of \$125.7 million (mix of State General Fund and federal funds) to:

- Provide a 16% rate increase for child care centers starting July 1, 2022 (\$49.6 million -State General Fund)
- Cost of care adjustment for Family Child Care Centers per collective bargaining agreement for FY23 (\$45.35 million – federal funding)
- One-time Enrollment Based Payment April June, 2022 (\$21.22 million – federal funding)
- Budget for waiving of co-payments from July - Sept. 2021 (already occurred) (\$9.53 million State General Fund and federal fundina)

Cap of 33,000 households removed

House Proposed Budget

A total of \$149.73 million (mix of State General Fund and federal funds) to:

- Fund rates at the 85th percentile of market rate as determined by 2021 Market Rate Survey effective 1/1/23 (\$73.63 million State General Fund)
- Cost of care adjustment for Family Child Care Centers per collective bargaining agreement for FY23 (\$45.35 million – federal funding)
- One-time Enrollment Based Payment April June, 2022 (\$21.22 million – federal funds) *
- Budget for waiving of co-payments from July - Sept. 2021 (already occurred) (\$9.53 million State General Fund and federal funds)

Cap of 33,000 households removed

*Proviso language specifies this funding is to support temporary closures due to COVID-19 outbreaks: the child must be eligible for subsidy and the provider must have authorization; and the provider cannot close for non-pandemic related reasons

ECEAP	 A total of \$17 million to: Convert 2,077 part-day slots to full-day (1765) and extended-day (312) (\$9.327 million State General Fund) Nine-week summer ECEAP for 2,212 schoolday slots (\$5.97 million State General Fund) Continuation of quality support (\$1.3 million State General Fund) 	 A total of \$14.18 million to: Expand by 2,308 slots by FY25 (85% schoolday/15% extended day); convert 4,387 part-day slots to school- and extended-day by FY25; and one- time funding in FY23 for 40 flexible extended day slots (\$6.91 million State General Fund) Fund nine-week summer ECEAP for 2,212 school-day slots (\$5.97 million State General Fund) Continuation quality support (\$1.3 million State General Fund)
Transitional Kindergarten	\$12.98 million to align with projected enrollment	 The House budget does not include a call out for Transitional Kindergarten, but we assume the House budget also includes funding for projected enrollment at \$12.98 million \$125,000 for WSIPP to do a study about statewide student participation in Transitional Kindergarten (State General Fund)
Home Visiting Spending Authority	Spending authority increased by \$1.5 million to align with previously allocated funding	Spending authority increased by \$1.5 million to align with previously allocated funding

Early Learning Facilities (Capital)	 \$31.5 million from a mix of one-time federal funding and state bonds for early learning facility grants Of the \$31.5 million, \$25.277 million is for competitive grants. Note that 4% of that \$25.277 million is available for technical assistance to providers interested in applying. The remaining \$6.2 million is designated as follows: \$4 million for the Rainier Valley early learning project; \$1 million for an early learning classroom at Logan Elementary in Spokane Public Schools; \$773,000 for Laurel Forest Child Care in Bellingham and \$500,000 for Skyway Affordable Housing and Early Learning (funding located in the Housing Trust Fund budget) An additional \$18.5 million in one-time federal funding for minor renovation grants Proviso language directs the Dept. of Commerce, in consultation with DCYF to prepare a report for OFM and fiscal committees regarding the geographic diversity of early learning facility grants by 12/1/22 	\$29 million in grants and loans to be expended as follows: • \$23,160,000 for competitive grants • \$4 million for the Rainier Valley early learning center • \$750,000 for Laurel Forest Child Care in Bellingham • \$515,000 for Monroe ECEAP • \$500,000 for Learning to Grow (Elma) • \$75,000 for Walla Walla YMCA ECEAP An additional \$18.5 million in one-time federal funding for minor renovation grants
Lived Experience		\$500,000 to OFM (State General Fund) for stipends for individuals with lived experience who participate in state boards, workgroups, etc.

Background Checks	 \$1.27 million to waive background check process fees (State General Fund) 	 \$1.27 million to waive background check process fees (State General Fund) \$500,000 for a background check workgroup (State General Fund)
Children and Youth Behavioral Health	 \$500,000 for a perinatal warmline (State General Fund) \$260,000 for two tribal early childhood mental health consultants (State General Fund) 	 \$500,000 for a perinatal warmline (State General Fund) \$260,000 for two tribal early childhood mental health consultants (State General Fund) \$185,000 for Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (State General Fund) \$653,000 (State General Fund) to implement HB 1890 (children and youth behavioral health strategic plan + compensating workgroup members with lived experience)
Vendor Rate Review	 \$40,000 to OFM to review and report on vendor rates for programs that serve low- income individuals via DCYF, DSHS and the Department of Correction. Report due 12/1/22. (State General Fund) 	• \$40,000 to OFM to review and report on vendor rates for programs that serve low-income individuals via DCYF, DSHS and the Department of Correction. Report due 12/1/22. (State General Fund)
Preschool Development Grant	 \$900,000 for the Washington Communities for Children to continue their Preschool Development Grant work Jan. – June 2023 (State General Fund) 	
Family Friend and Neighbor Provider Supports	• \$640,000 (State General Fund) – Added in Senate Ways and Means Committee on 2/23/22	• \$640,000 (State General Fund)