

Early Learning Highlights in Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget

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On Wednesday, December 13, Governor Jay Inslee released his proposed \$70.9 billion supplemental budget. All of the supplemental budget details can be found on the Office of Financial Management's [webpage](#), including a summary of the [budget highlights](#) and the [proposed budget bill](#).

Supplemental budgets are intended to make “tweaks” to biennial budgets to reflect caseload changes or emergent needs and, as a result, do not typically contain significant new investments. The most significant new investments are focused in areas the Governor deems “critical issues,” including housing/homelessness, behavioral health and the fentanyl/opioid crisis. And while revenue has increased, the budget documents note that costs related to providing ongoing services, increasing caseloads and inflation have also grown, making fewer of these additional resources available for new investments.

Early learning highlights include:

- **ECEAP Rate Increase.** A total increase of \$10.2 million to provide a 6% rate increase for school-day slots and a 10% rate increase for working-day slots.
- **Transition to Kindergarten (TTK).** A total of \$1.4 million for Transition to Kindergarten Coordinated Enrollment for DCYF to provide consultation to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to support connections among TTK programs and local early learning providers.
- **Voluntary Home Visiting.** A total of \$1.6 million to support 150 targeted voluntary home visiting slots for families where substance use disorder may be a risk factor.
- **Contracted Child Care Slots.** A total of \$1.6 million for DCYF to pilot contracted child care slots for child protective services-involved infants.
- **Early Achievers Grant Program.** A total investment of \$2.4 million in Washington Education Investment Act funding to assist child care providers earn a credential in early childhood education. The increased funding is intended to cover recruitment, advising and support activities at community and technical colleges.

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