



STATE OF WASHINGTON

January 10, 2019

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of Washington
P.O. Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-40002

Dear Governor Inslee,

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) recognize the value of early intervention for Washington children experiencing developmental delays. To fulfill a requirement in a budget proviso and in order to better align the provision of these services with other early learning services, we recommend moving funding and administration of the Early Services for Infants and Toddlers from OSPI to DCYF. Please find below the recommended budget figures and budget proviso language.

The budget numbers are subject to change as other policy and maintenance level decisions made by the legislature in the school funding formulas will create changes to the per student calculations. In addition, changes in the caseload forecasts for this program should also be taken into account when finalizing the amount to be transferred.

In addition to the financial details below, we will need to pursue legislation to rescind RCW 28A.155.065 that requires school districts to provide or contract for ESIT Services and establish that DCYF will assume the entirety of the Rule making processes related to ESIT.

School Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Caseload	10,181	10,952	11,829	12,775
Estimated Allocation	\$110,000,000	\$120,000,000	\$132,000,000	\$145,000,000
Estimated Per Student	\$10,804.44	\$10,956.90	\$11,159.02	\$11,350.29

Proposed budget proviso language:

The Department shall contract with entities for the provision of early services to infants and toddlers. In the first year of the biennium, rates paid to contractors for these services will match or exceed rates currently paid by individual school districts for these same services.

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Thank you for consideration of this proposal for inclusion in the Governor's Budget errata and support by the administration.

Sincerely,

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Ross Hunter
Secretary
Department of Children, Youth, and
Families

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Chris Reykdal
Superintendent of
Public Instruction