

Comply With New CCDF Requirements

2025 DECISION PACKAGE

This funding [request](#) would allow the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) to comply with the 2024 Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule change that went into effect in April 2024. This funding allows DCYF to implement new federal requirements that lower child care costs for families, improve program child care provider payment practices, and simplify enrollment in Working Connections Child Care (WCCC). Successful implementation of new requirements will directly improve family access to high quality care by expanding family eligibility and by mirroring provider's payment practices to reflect how families pay for care.

COMPONENTS

- ✔ Supports eligible children and families with a full 12 months of WCCC authorization beginning July 1, 2025.
- ✔ Aligns child care subsidy payment practices with the private market by July 1, 2026, in the following ways:
 - Paying providers prospectively instead of retrospectively, and
 - Based on enrollment instead of attendance.
- ✔ Only require overpayment collection for families when federally required.
- ✔ Funding for extensive family outreach and communication, and increased supports to providers who participate in child care subsidy program.

DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

- Eliminate racial disproportionalities and advance racial equity.
- High-quality early learning available and affordable to all in Washington.
- Prevention goals connected to early learning.
- 80 percent of Washington children ready for kindergarten.

COST

2025 BIENNIUM - \$94.914M

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