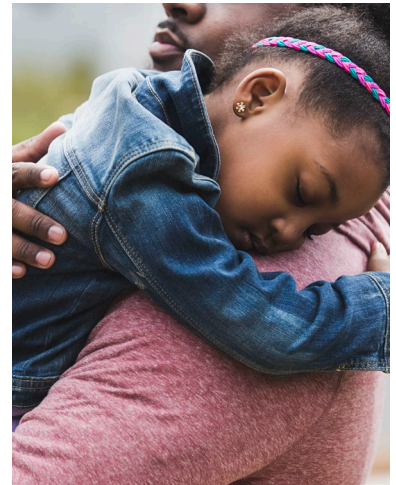


# ECEAP Entitlement

## 2025 DECISION PACKAGE

This funding [request](#) is required to meet the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) entitlement as required under [RCW 43.216.556](#). This request supports high quality programming by addressing the resources needed to meet entitlement during the 2026-27 school year.



## COMPONENTS

- ✓ Slot rates increase by 29 percent for the School Day Model and Working Day Model, which includes the required increase for inflation.
- ✓ Slot expansion to support an increase of 6,515 children in the 2025-27 biennium.
- ✓ Slot conversion of Part Day slots to School Day slots (7,592) and Working Day slots (18).
- ✓ Increased workforce scholarships and Early Achievers Rating Supports, and Quality Supports funding, classroom curriculum and ongoing assessments, and to ensure quality requirements and child outcomes.
- ✓ 23.5 full time equivalents to support the Continuous Quality and Improvement System and additional funding to update the Early Learning Management System to meet needs of increased caseload.

### 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 - \$451.416M

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