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# End of Session Webinar - 2024

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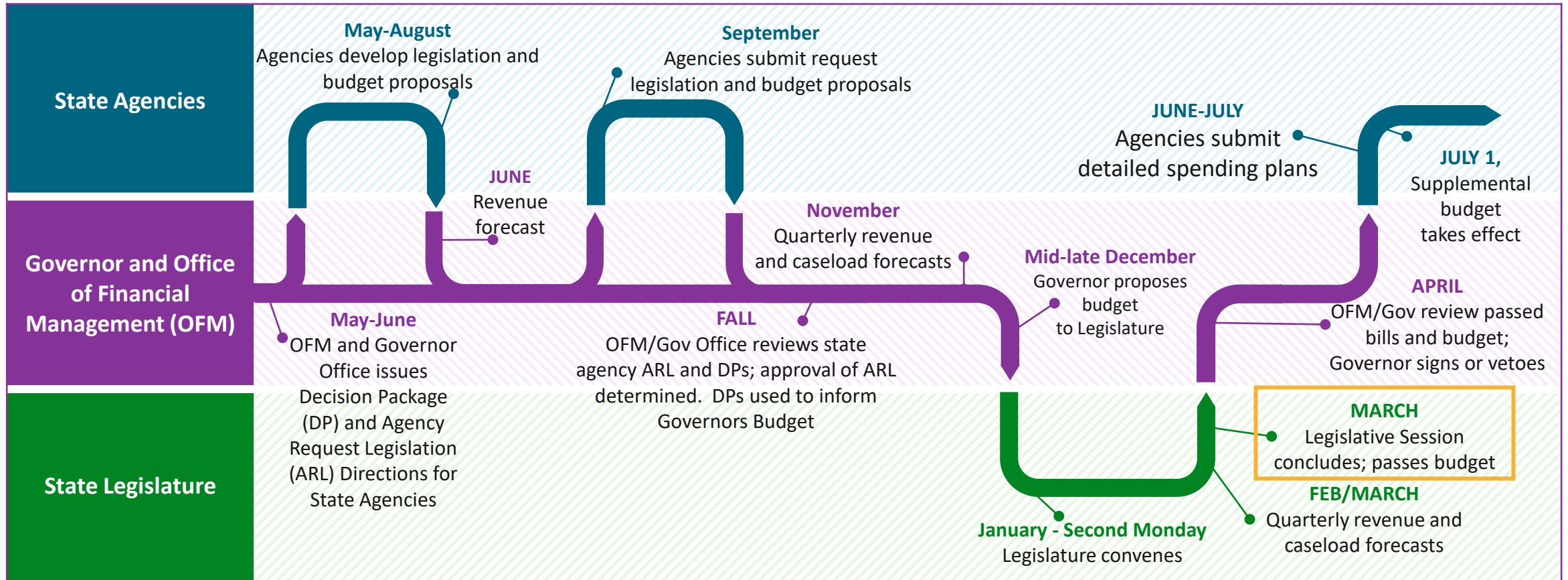
# Agenda



- Legislative Session Update
- Current Bill Status
- Budget Overview



# Preparing for Session Supplemental Budget Year Timeline



# Realities

Supplemental budget year  
+  
DCYF implementing significant  
investments and policy changes  
+  
Budget/Economic realities  
=  
Limited scope for requests session



# Early Learning - Bills

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description
<u>1879</u>	<b>Since Time Immemorial Curriculum</b>	Naming since time immemorial curriculum used to inform students about tribal history, culture, and government after John McCoy (Iulilaš).
<u>1916</u>	<b>Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers</b> <i>DCYF ARL</i>	Adjusts funding eligibility criteria to reflect a child is receiving early intervention services if the child has received services within the same month as the monthly count day. <b>\$4.291M</b>
<u>1945</u>	<b>WCCC Eligibility</b>	Establishes that families receiving basic food benefits are eligible for WCCC (Nov 1, 2024), Early ECEAP (Nov 1, 2024), and ECEAP (required Aug 1, 2030)
<u>2111</u>	<b>Reorg Subsidized Child Care Statute</b>	This bill reorganizes several RCW pertaining to Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Eligibility. These changes do not change the eligibility or requirements impacting WCCC and repeals 2 expired statutes.



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Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Description
<u>2124</u>	<b>WCCC Expand Approved Activity</b>	Supporting and expanding access to child care and early learning programs by expanding WCCC approved activities to include Early ECEAP and Early Head Start and WCCC eligibility for ECEAP Providers. <b>\$1.246M</b>
<u>2195</u>	<b>Early learning Facilities (ELF) Program Modifications</b>	Makes a few changes to the ELF program implementation.
<u>5774</u>	<b>Fingerprint Access in DCYF offices</b>	Increasing the capacity to conduct timely fingerprint-based background checks for prospective child care employees and other programs by establishing capacity in DCYF offices. <b>\$254K</b>
<u>6109</u>	<b>Supporting Children and Families</b>	Clarifies dangers of fentanyl when assessing imminent risk of harm, includes judicial training improvements, and adds prevention/intervention services to support families. <b>\$6.669M</b>



# Senate Bill 6109/Fentanyl Response Services

Abbrev. Title	Description
<b>Public Health Nurse Pilot</b>	Funding to establish a pilot for public health nurses to support caseworkers in engaging and communicating with child welfare-involved families about the risks of fentanyl and other child health and safety concerns. <b>\$1.35M</b>
<b>Safety Plan Participants</b>	Funding to establish a pilot program for third-party safety plan participants to support safety planning in child welfare cases. <b>\$1.515M</b>
<b>Home Visiting Contracted Slots</b>	Funding to start-up targeted contracts with existing home visiting programs in 4 locales with the historically highest rates of child welfare screened-in intake; targeted to families experiencing high-potency synthetic opioid-related substance use disorder. <b>\$1.6M</b>
<b>Childcare Contracted Slots</b>	Funding to program for contracted childcare slots for infants in child protective services in locales with the historically highest rates of child welfare screened-in intake due to the exposure or presence of high-potency synthetic opioids in the home, which may be used as part of a safety plan. <b>\$1.579M</b>
<b>Intercept Evidenced-Based Pilot Program</b>	Funding for two pilot programs to implement an evidence-based, comprehensive, intensive, in-home parenting services support model to serve children and families from birth to age 18 who are involved in the child welfare, children's mental health, or juvenile justice systems. <b>\$972,000</b>
<b>Legal Liaisons</b>	<b>\$875K</b> in funding is provided for at least one legal liaison in each DCYF region to work with both the department and the office of the attorney general for the purpose of assisting with the preparation of child abuse and neglect court cases.

# Early Learning – Rate Adjustments

Abbrev. Title	Description
<b>Non-Standard Hours Rate</b>	<b>\$778K</b> to increase the rate from \$135 to <b>\$150</b> effective July 1, 2024.
<b>Infant Rate Enhancement</b>	<b>\$6.176M</b> to increase the rate from \$90 to <b>\$300</b> effective July 1, 2024.
<b>ECEAP Rate Increase</b>	<b>\$8.271M</b> to increase school day slots by 5% and working day slots by 9% effective July 1, 2024.



# Early Learning Investments

Abbrev. Title	Description
<b>Professional Development</b>	<b>\$2.5M</b> to contract with an entity for expanding the number child care providers.
<b>Coordinated Recruit and Enroll (CRE)</b>	<b>\$1.357M</b> provided to contract with an entity to support coordination on recruitment and enrollment.
<b>Early Child Mental Health</b>	<b>\$1.75M</b> additional finding which includes <b>\$150k</b> specifically to support rural schools and rural communities with consultation.
<b>Spokane Focused Workforce</b>	<b>\$250K</b> pilot program to increase the child care workforce and capacity in the greater Spokane area.
<b>Snohomish County Planning</b>	<b>\$200K</b> early learning coalition to develop a leadership team to strengthen the Early Learning community in Snohomish.
<b>Inclusion Mentorship Contract</b>	<b>\$650K</b> mentorship for providers to develop skills and knowledge to effectively care for and educate children with disabilities, developmental delays, or challenging behaviors.
<b>Imagination Library</b>	<b>\$500k</b> in FY 2025 are provided for the Imagination Library. <i>*This funding is in addition to a \$1m investment in 2023</i>



# Other Agency Investments - Early Learning

Abbrev. Title	Description	Agency
<b>Essential Workers Analysis</b>	Feasibility analysis of expanding or modifying program inclusion of essential workers, including but not limited to child care workers. <b>\$250K</b>	Office of the Insurance Commissioner
<b>Early Achiever Scholars TA</b>	Funding for community college staff to recruit, advise, and support early achiever scholars completing their early childhood qualifications. <b>\$801K</b>	Board of Community and Technical Colleges
<b>Coordination</b>	Staffing and administrative costs necessary to provide interdepartmental coordination and engagement with stakeholders with respect to the program authorized in chapter 420, Laws of 2023 (transition to kindergarten). <b>\$150K</b>	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

# Other Agency Investments – Early Learning – Department of Commerce

Abbrev. Title	Description
<b>Early Learning Facilities Competitive Grants</b>	<p>Assistance for designing, constructing, purchasing, expanding, or modernizing public or private early learning education facilities for eligible organizations. <b>\$4.5M</b></p> <p><i>Up to 4% of this funding may be used DCYF to provide technical assistance to providers interested in applying for the early learning facility grant or loan program.</i></p>
<b>Early Learning Facilities Minor Renovation Grants</b>	<p>Assistance for non-expansion minor early learning facilities renovations. <b>\$2.35M</b></p>
<b>Construction Onsite/Near Site Pilot Program</b>	<p>Funding to contract for and implement a pilot program for onsite or near-site child care facilities to serve children of construction workers. <b>\$325K</b></p>

# Thank you!

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