

# WCCC Eligibility to 75% State Median Income & Dual Language Rates

## 2025 DECISION PACKAGE

This funding [request](#) would increase Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) eligibility to 75% of the state median income (SMI) beginning July 1, 2025, as required by [RCW 43.216.802\(3\)](#). It would also provide funding to increase dual language rates to adjust for inflation under [RCW 43.216.775](#). Expanding income eligibility for WCCC provides families that are income eligible with increased and equitable access to high quality child care. High quality child care supports family prevention and is essential to the economy, family self-sufficiency, and child outcomes.

## COMPONENTS

- ✓ Increase WCCC income eligibility to 75 percent of the SMI.
- ✓ Create Tier 2 eligibility allowing continued participation at reapplication with monthly co-pay capped at \$350.
- ✓ Increase dual language rates at an average of 2.4 percent using the U.S. Implicit Price Deflator.
- ✓ Increase funding for outreach, resources, and referrals to inform families who are eligible.

## COST

2025 BIENNIUM - \$230.753M

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### DCYF Strategic Priority Alignment

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



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