

ECEAP Steering Committee

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A partnership between DCYF, ECEAP Contractors, and partners

Equity Statement

DCYF ECEAP commits to dismantling racism and building an equitable state-funded preschool system in Washington. Increasing our understanding of and capacity to address the deep-rooted impacts of bias and racism at every level is the highest priority for our team. We embrace equity as a foundation of and driving force behind our work by listening to and learning from families, contractor staff and communities. Driven by this commitment, we develop and revise systems, policies and practices, with the goal of eliminating disparities and transforming lives.

Purpose

In the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), we have some guiding language on the ECEAP Steering Committee:

RCW [43.216.520](#)

Advisory Committee

The department shall establish an advisory committee composed of interested parents and representatives from the office of the superintendent of public instruction, early childhood education and development staff preparation programs, the head start programs, school districts, and such other community and business organizations as deemed necessary by the department to assist with the establishment of the preschool program and advise the department on matters regarding the ongoing promotion and operation of the program.

In addition to this RCW, the intent of this committee is to introduce, discuss, and gather input on complex issues in the ECEAP field with ECEAP Contractors, Subcontractors, and Families.

Goals

- Input that informs DCYF ECEAP decision-making around policy, procedures, Directors Meeting agendas, and other important decisions related to ECEAP.
- Phone or email tree for ECEAP Directors for DCYF ECEAP information.
- Sounding board and resource for directors and community partners.



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Membership

- Six directors, representing ECEAP programming grouped by region.
 - One representative and one alternate from each area.
- Two directors, representing Early ECEAP programming grouped by either the east or west side of the state.
 - One representative and one alternate from each area, as available.
- Community partners and ECEAP subcontractors as needed or identified

Steering Committee Meetings

- Meetings are monthly, and scheduling is determined by DCYF ECEAP and the Steering Committee
 - For 2023, meetings are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month, from 2:00-2:30pm.
- Members send agenda items to DCYF before the meeting
- DCYF ECEAP will share any meeting materials after the meeting

Representatives Responsibilities:

- Before each Steering Committee call, gather information, opinions, questions and concerns from your represented directors.
- In addition to your own opinion, represent the opinions of your area.
- Report on Steering Committee discussions to your represented directors.
- Ensure your alternate is on the monthly call when you are unable to participate.

DCYF Responsibilities:

- Orient representatives to meeting procedures, expectations, and involvement
- Provide agendas prior to the meeting and summary notes from the meetings