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To: All ESIT Contracted Provider Agencies, County Lead Agencies, and Subcontractors
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Subject: Update on E2SSB 5263 and FY25-26 State Special Education 0-3 Allocations

Purpose and Background:

- Engrossed 2nd Substitute - [E2SSB 5263: Bill Status-at-a-Glance](#)
- During the 2025 Legislative session, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction introduced legislation concerning special education funding. A portion of the bill addressed special education funding multipliers, including the funding multiplier for eligible children with disabilities age zero up to the age of three.
- The legislation referenced the oversight of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families in administering the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Program to provide early intervention services to all eligible children with disabilities from zero up to three years of age.
- Current funding for ESIT is appropriated based on the annual average headcount of children ages zero to three who are eligible for and receiving early intervention services, multiplied by the statewide basic education allocation, multiplied by 1.15.
- As a result of the bill passage, the ESIT funding multiplier is changed to align with the multiplier for Pre-K students, increasing from 1.15 to 1.2, an increase of 4.3%.
- E2SSB 5263 was signed into law May 17, 2025, and will be in effect **as of September 1, 2025.**

Next Steps:

- The DCYF Finance and Rates Office is coordinating internal scoping activities.
- The ESIT State Leadership Office is collaborating with the Finance & Business Services Division to develop an implementation plan and companion timelines.
- The ESIT State Leadership Office is working with the DCYF Contracts Office to calculate and adjust the 39 County EIS Rates for FY25-26 State Special Education 0-3 funding allocations.
- A joint statewide webinar will be **planned and held in mid-October 2025** to relay additional information related to the implementation dates and anticipated timelines.

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