Early ECEAP:

Serving Infants and Toddlers

The Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) has begun a new program for families with children ages 0-3 called Early ECEAP. ECEAP is the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program. These are center-based, comprehensive services located in a variety of communities in our state. Centers opened in the summer and fall of 2020 and are currently serving children and families. There are 10 pilot sites safely serving children in-person. This programming not only provides a developmentally-appropriate, high-quality educational setting, it also ensures families receive essential supports needed now that will help them in the future.

Features of Early ECEAP

- Up to 10 hours a day with a 1:4 teacher to child ratio
- Safety precautions in place for families, children and staff
- Relationship-based family support services helping each family during this difficult time
- Individualized planning for children and families
- Research-based child development approaches to learning
- Support connecting with health providers and establishing medical and dental planning
- Nutrition and mental health supports
- Family goal setting services that support increased stability

Co-Payments Are Waived

DCYF is waiving copayments for the months of October, November and December 2020 for families receiving Child Care Subsidies. Waiving copays allows eligible families to keep more of their income to meet other needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, families will be required to pay their copay beginning in January 2021. DCYF will cap copays at $115 for the months of January, February, March, April, May and June 2021. This means that the highest family copay will be $115.

Early ECEAP Sites

Catholic Charities Diocese of Yakima
Yakima, WA 98908

Centralia College
Centralia, WA 98531

Chelan Douglas Child Services Association
Wenatchee, WA 98807

Childhaven
Auburn, WA 98002

Community Colleges of Spokane
Spokane, WA 99210

Subcontractors:
- Salish School
  Spokane, WA 99205
- Spokane Child Development Center
  Spokane, WA 99216

Educational Service District 112 (ESD 112)
Vancouver, WA 98661

Everett Community College-Early Learning Center
Everett, WA 98201

Mid-Columbia Children's Council
Goldendale, WA 98620

Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center
Tacoma, WA 98405

Wellspring Family Services
Seattle, WA 98144

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