

ECLIPSE Research and Funding



Early Childhood Intervention Prevention Services (ECLIPSE) is an intervention and treatment service for children Birth to 5 years old. It is for children and families who interact with multiple systems, including DCYF Child Welfare. In addition to daily classroom activities, families and their children enrolled in ECLIPSE receive counseling, Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health services, home visits, treatment, and other supports.

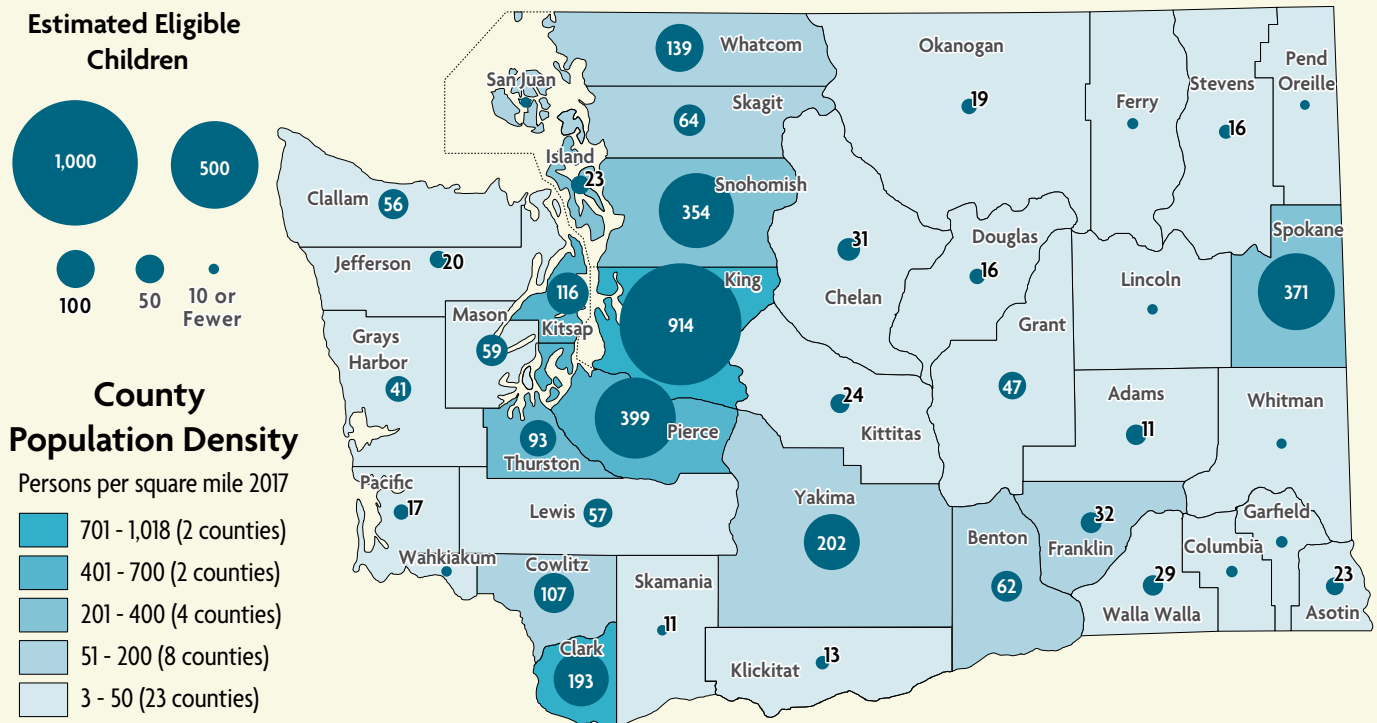


2018 Research

In 2018, the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Research and Data Analysis (RDA) Division conducted studies to examine overlaps between ECLIPSE, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP), and Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), to estimate the ECLIPSE-eligible population.

The RDA Division study, “State and County Estimates of the ECLIPSE Eligible Population,” (<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/rda/reports/research-7-112.pdf>) estimated there were 3,593 children in Washington state who could be eligible for ECLIPSE services. This shows the need for expanding ECLIPSE therapeutic services.

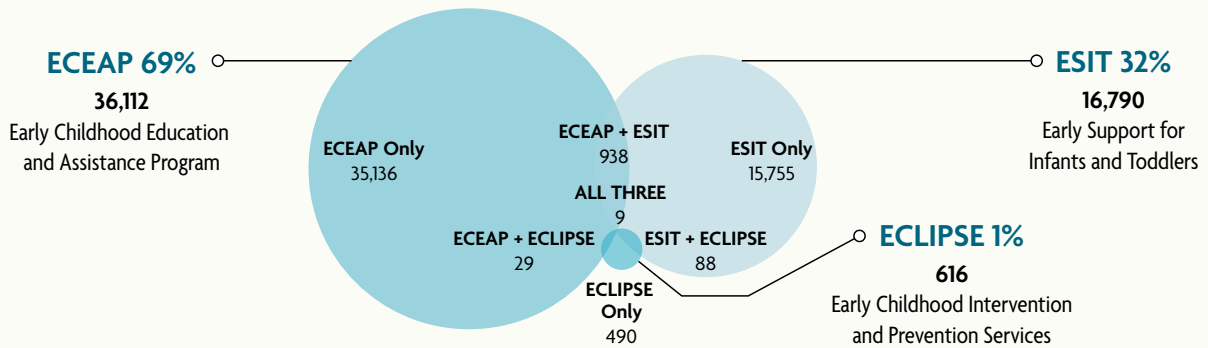
Estimate of ECLIPSE Eligible Children by County and Population Density



Another study (<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/rda/reports/research-7-114.pdf>) produced that same year found there was little overlap between ECLIPSE, ECEAP, and ESIT.

Early Learning Population Service Overlap

SFY 2013 - SFY 2016 (Total = 52,445)



All groups had similar access to support services. Nearly 90% of the combined populations used Medicaid, two-thirds used Basic Food; and between one-quarter to one-third used Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Developmental Disabilities Assistance (DDA) services, or Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) subsidies. These programs serve similar populations, but only 2% of enrollees were served in more than one program.

These studies led to conversations about the feasibility and sustainability of the ECLIPSE program. At the time, it was implemented in only two counties and served 162 children. This was not enough to provide equitable access to eligible children. This elevated the need to expand ECLIPSE services across the state. This prompted transitioning ECLIPSE from what was then known as DCYF's Child and Family Services Division to the agency's Early Learning Division, where the program exists today.



Funding and Legislation

The Fair Start for Kids Act (FSKA) included proviso funding to expand ECLIPSE services to more Washington communities. The proviso directed DCYF to pursue opportunities to leverage other funding to continue to expand ECLIPSE services with priority for services given to children referred from DCYF Child Welfare. The lack of overlap between ECLIPSE and B-5 ECEAP began the discussion to redesign ECLIPSE from a stand-alone therapeutic program. Through integration with B-5 ECEAP comprehensive quality programming, ECLIPSE services were expanded and integrated with the promotion, prevention, and intervention practices offered.

ECEAP serves children Birth to 5 years old and families who are furthest away from opportunity. The growth of ECLIPSE will be supported through ECEAP, which is in 37 of Washington's 39 counties. To expand ECLIPSE services, DCYF will layer ECLIPSE funding on top of funding for comprehensive Early ECEAP/ECEAP programming. ECEAP funding pays for the classroom facility, staffing, and quality. ECLIPSE funding provides therapeutic mental health treatment, interventions, and other services. Where ECEAP services end, ECLIPSE services begin.

In 2024-25, ECLIPSE funded 521 slots with 11 contractors. DCYF ECEAP will continue to request additional funding through the legislature for future expansion.

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For more information about ECLIPSE, visit: <https://dcyf.wa.gov/services/early-learning-providers/eceap/eclipse>.

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