

ECEAP Overview

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, or ECEAP (pronounced “E-Cap”), is Washington’s state-funded preschool for 3 and 4 year olds.

ECEAP is free to all eligible families.



What does ECEAP include?

ECEAP includes pre-kindergarten education, family support (www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/EL_0079) and engagement, physical health, mental health and nutrition.

ECEAP classes are two and a half hours to 10 hours per day, four or five days per week.

What are the benefits of ECEAP?

Children learn how to get along well with others. They learn math, reading, and science basics. Parents are supported by ECEAP when working toward family goals.

To learn more, read ECEAP Comprehensive Services at www.dcyf.wa.gov/publications-library/EL_0081

How can I apply?

Call your provider by visiting ECEAP in Washington Communities at <https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/oiaa/reports/early-learning-dashboards/eceap-early-eceap-wa-communities> and clicking on the Site Contact Information tab.

Once eligibility is figured out, children’s enrollment will be in the order space is available.

Is my child eligible?

- Children must be 3 or 4 years old; and
- Meet the following criteria* that may include but is not limited to:
 - From a family earning up to 36% state median income (SMI) www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/eceap/State-Median-Income-Chart.pdf; or
 - From a Tribal family earning up to 100% SMI; or
 - Qualifies for special education services; or
 - Experiencing homelessness; or
 - Has been part of Early Support for Infants and Toddlers, Early Childhood Intervention Prevention Services, Head Start, or Early ECEAP; or
 - Has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP); or
 - Has other qualifiers, including: Involved in state or Tribal welfare services or Long-term physical or mental health conditions.

**Please call your provider to find out about your specific eligibility.*

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