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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Provider Supports Subcommittee
Agency Updates
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Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Updates

DCYF Community Child Care Forums

Child care providers said they want regular meetings with DCYF where they can share what they are facing and receive answers to their questions.

DCYF listened! We will host community child care forums across the state, with the first scheduled for June 11 in Wenatchee. At the forums, providers will have the opportunity to meet with DCYF Leadership, connect with their regional Child Care Licensing Administrator and local Licensors, learn about new updates and opportunities, ask questions, and/or share their lived experiences.

See the June forum details below:

- **Time:** 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024
- **Location:** Wenatchee Valley College, Jack and Edna McGuire Conference Room 1300 Fifth Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801
- **Notes:** Light refreshments available. Spanish interpretation will be available onsite, per request.

Visit the [Community Child Care Forums](#) webpage for more information on additional forum dates and locations. For those unable to attend [one of the in-person forums](#), a virtual option will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10, 2024. Please register at [December Community Child Care Forum](#).

Please contact dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov if you:

- Need interpretation in another language;
- Have questions or topics you'd like addressed at this forum; or
- Have general questions about the event.

Early Learning Grants

- **Early Achievers Needs-Based Grant:**
 - Fiscal Year 2024: Distributed \$1.5 million
 - 1,500 providers received a FY24 Needs-Based Grant
 - Improved application reduced processing time while allowing maximum spending flexibility for providers.
 - Fiscal Year 2025 Needs-Based Grant application will open in the first week of July 2024
- **Child Care Complex Needs Fund:**
 - Fiscal Year 2024: Distributed \$9.9 million
 - 162 providers received a FY24 Child Care Complex Needs Fund award.

- Fiscal Year 2025 Child Care Complex Needs Fund will open in Fall 2024
- ***ECEAP Complex Needs Fund:***
- Fiscal Year 2025: Awarded \$7.8 million
 - 47 ECEAP Contractors were approved for funding, which will go into contracts starting July 1
- Fiscal Year 2026: RFA should open late in 2024.
- ***Early Childhood Equity Grant:***
 - Fiscal Year 2024-2025: Awarded \$9.7 million, using the majority of funding for the entire biennium (FY24 and FY25)
 - 179 providers were approved for funding, and funding will be distributed in the coming weeks (late June and early July)
 - DCYF added a required special technical assistance session for grantees to ensure they are set up to successfully manage their grant award, and that they fully understand the terms and conditions of the grant.
 - Fiscal Year 2026: DCYF plans to open the next Early Childhood Equity Grant application in early spring of 2025, for payments to go out in summer of 2025.