DCYF 2023 Decision Package Development





By the end of this discussion, the group will





Be able to describe the goals of decision package drafts



Be able to identify which DPs are for maintenance versus new developments



Provide two kinds of guidance:

- 1. General system impact comments
- 2. Actionable edits/suggestions





ECEAP Expansion



Provide a sustainable slot rate for ECEAP providers

 Provide current and prospective ECEAP providers a more sustainable slot rate that is funded more closely to comparative programs (such as Head Start).



Readiness Pathway technical assistance efforts to support the various ECEAP provider types.

 Provide prospective ECEAP providers an equitable opportunity to establish a trained workforce, administrative systems, and other standards and regulations for program implementation.





Provide Guidance

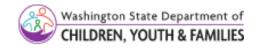
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- What do you like about the focus area?
- What questions or curiosities do you have?
- What is missing?







Child Care Access and Affordability



Infant-Toddler Access

- Expanding Early ECEAP in areas of most need
- Contracted slots to secure access for children involved in protective services
- Increase infant rate enhancement for child care subsidy



Sustainable Subsidy Payment

• Pay licensed providers based on child enrollment



Align Overpayment Collection with Federal Requirements

- Collect overpayments on Fraud and Intentional Program Violations
- Do not collect overpayments on administrative error or unintentional program violations





Make Child Care Work for Families



Increase Family Access to Child Welfare Early Learning Navigators (CWELN)

Increase the number of CWELN navigators



Transition Child Welfare Child Care to Working Connections

- Provide families with children in protective services 12 month eligibility
- Continue 12 month eligibility for children receiving protective services in the past 6 months.



Exclude Child Support as Countable Income

Exclude child support as countable income for ECEAP and WCCC





Make Child Care Work for Families (Continued)



Allow Job Search as an Approved Activity at Application and Reapplication

Allow formal and informal job search as an approved activity



Authorize Full-Time Care for all Children

Allow at least full-time care for all children



Require Only One Parent to Participate in an Approved Activity

 Support families applying and reapplying for child care subsidy when one parent is in an approved activity





Make Child Care Work for Families (Continued)



Remove 12-Month Restriction on Homeless Grace Period

 Support families experiencing homelessness with continued access to child care subsidy.



Allow Child Participation in ECEAP and Head Start as an Approved Activity for WCCC

• Allow families with children participating in ECEAP, Early ECEAP, Head Start, Tribal Head Start, and Migrant Season Head Start the ability to continue to receive WCCC when otherwise eligible.



Allow Family Participation in Medical Activities as an Approved Activity

 Exploring options under CCDF to allow medical activities to participate in approved activities.





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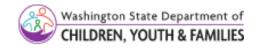
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Next Steps – DCYF will...





Gather feedback from multiple sources across the child care and early learning field



Crunch numbers and draft decision packages/ agency request legislation for submission to Governor's office in September



Return to stakeholders
to reflect on what
feedback we heard,
what feedback we were
able to incorporate, and
what we were not able
to incorporate

