

2024-2025 ECEAP Expansion

Addendum #1 Request for Application (RFA) Questions and Answers
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Questions

1. What are the expectations when serving non-ECEAP children in the same classroom as children receiving ECEAP services? Specifically, must we provide family support services and/or health coordination for children not enrolled under ECEAP?

ECEAP Performance Standards, PAO-53, outlines details about the requirements for the ECEAP child:

PAO-53 Serving Non-ECEAP Children in the Same Classroom

(1) Contractors may serve children who are not eligible for ECEAP in the same classroom with ECEAP children, providing:

- (a) The total proportional share of costs for non-ECEAP children is covered by funds or in-kind contributions from sources other than ECEAP dollars.
- (b) ECEAP Performance Standards are met for all ECEAP children.
- (c) The contractor reports the number of non-ECEAP children accurately in ELMS and updates this in monthly reports.

You cannot use ECEAP funds to support non-ECEAP children in a blended classroom, however, it is a contractor's choice to provide comprehensive services to all children in the same classroom. The funding for the non-ECEAP child's comprehensive services would have to come from another source.

2. Can licensed childcare center with less than 75 students participate in the program?

DCYF encourages Family Child Care Center providers to explore becoming an ECEAP site.

Organizations, including FCCs interested in providing less than 75 preschool slots, should coordinate with a current or prospective ECEAP contractor in their vicinity to discuss the possibility of becoming an ECEAP subcontractor working under that ECEAP contractor. Another option for FCC providers could be to apply for slots together with other FCC providers. Please email dcyf.eceap@dcyf.wa.gov for further questions and support.

3. What are the current slot rates for contractors?

Funded Slot Rates: Slot rates will be determined by the state Legislature and may vary based on region and Early Achievers rating. Contractors receive monthly payments upon invoice, based on



completion of payment points. For reference, the state-wide average 2023-2024 school year rates were:

- \$9,192 per slot for Part Day.
- \$14,602 per slot for School Day.
- \$20,656 per slot for Working Day.
- \$24,000 per slot for Birth-3.
- \$14,020 per layered slot for ECLIPSE.