2024-25 Comprehensive Early Learning Application Resources

This document is not required to be submitted as part of the Request for Application (RFA) process but is intended as a resource document for the applicant. Resources listed here are referenced in the RFA and may be helpful in completing the application.

Documents Referenced

- Sample ECEAP Statement of Work (SOW): This is a sample of the Statement of Work in the ECEAP contract that is signed by DCYF and the contractor.
- 2023-2024 ECEAP Performance Standards: These are the minimum requirements for ECEAP service delivery.
- Birth-3 ECEAP Performance Standards: These are the minimum requirements for Birth-3 ECEAP service delivery.
- Minimum ECLIPSE Service Delivery Requirements: These are the minimum requirements for ECLIPSE service delivery.
- Research and Data Analysis (RDA): This is a report of the state and county estimates for the ECLIPSE eligible population.
- ECEAP Directors Roster: This is the list of ECEAP Contractor Directors for 2023-2024. This can be used to locate contact information for ECEAP contractors in your proposed service area.
- RFA Program Finder: This document can be used to locate ECEAP contractors and Head Start grantees in your site-specific school district to collaborate in serving families.
- ECEAP and Head Start Saturation Study: This Saturation Study can help in your planning for ECEAP expansion. DCYF will also reference this document to help make decisions about slot placement in communities. The study will be updated soon. For the latest version of the Saturation Study, check the ECEAP reports webpage.
- DCYF ECEAP Priority Points: This document can be used to reference the risk factors that ECEAP takes into consideration when determining if a child whose family exceeds 36% of the State Median Income (ESE) is eligible for ECEAP.
- State Median Income (SMI) Chart: This can be used to reference what the income limits are for eligible ECEAP families. Children are income-eligible for ECEAP if they are from families at or below 36% of the State Median Income (SMI).
- Complex Needs Funding Application (CNF) Guide and CNF Application.

Websites Referenced

- ECEAP Revised Code of Washington: These are the laws enacted by the Washington State Legislature about ECEAP (scroll down to sections 43.216.500-43.216.576).
- Licensing for Early Learning Providers: DCYF licenses approximately 6,000 child care centers and family home child care providers in Washington. Licensed child care providers follow minimum

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licensing requirements set by the state to ensure children in licensed care are in safe, healthy, and nurturing places.
- Early Achievers: Washington's tiered quality rating and improvement system which helps early learning settings offer high-quality care.
- Community Capital Facilities – Early Learning Program: There are no funds available through this RFA for capital expenditures such as facilities. For more information on the Community Capital Facilities – Early Learning Program, please visit the Department of Commerce website.

Interactive RFA Opportunities

Application Office Hours

Application Office Hours are available to introduce Applicants to the RFA and dive into content about how to complete the RFA.

Office Hours for All Applicants (Click on Day to Attend):
- Dec. 11, 2023, 10-11 a.m. (Tribal Nations)
- Dec. 13, 2023, 1-2 p.m.
- Jan. 4, 2024, 2-3 p.m.
- Jan. 9, 2024, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Licensing Information

Sites that need to become licensed to operate ECEAP may take initial steps to start the licensing process. DCYF recommends completing the following if you anticipate licensing sites that would be new if awarded slots:
- Have the site director, coordinator, or site contact complete the online licensing orientation.

This step is **not required but** recommended. Additional technical assistance will be provided around licensing a site if the applicant is successful.