

2018 Supplemental Budget Decision Package

Agency: 307 Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Decision Package Code/Title: M1-TR / Tiered Reimbursement

Budget Period: 2017-19

Budget Level: Maintenance Level

Agency Recommendation Summary Text:

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families is requesting a maintenance level budget adjustment of \$3.7 million in Fiscal Year 2019 to fund tiered reimbursements at forecasted levels.

Fiscal Summary:

Operating Expenditures	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
001-1 – General Fund-State	\$0	\$3,670,449	\$9,915,305	\$12,656,330
Total Cost	\$0	\$3,670,449	\$9,915,305	\$12,656,330
Staffing	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Object of Expenditure	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Object N – Grants & Benefits	\$0	\$3,670,449	\$9,915,305	\$12,656,330

Package Description

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families requests \$3,670,449 for forecasted tiered reimbursement rates paid to high quality child care providers in accordance with the Early Start Act of 2015.

Base Budget:

The budget for the 2017-19 biennium is \$14,032,999.

Decision Package expenditure, FTE and revenue assumptions, calculations and details:

Tiered reimbursed expenditures are forecasted based on the Working Connections Caseload Forecast and Quality Rating and Improvement System data from Child Care Aware of Washington.

Decision Package Justification and Impacts

What specific performance outcomes does the agency expect?

Tiered Reimbursement enhanced rates will continue to be paid as required to incentivize and compensate high quality early learning environments that promote kindergarten readiness for low income children.

Performance Measure detail:

- Number of children enrolled at providers receiving tiered reimbursement, by tier.
- Amount of tiered reimbursement paid per quality level.

Fully describe and quantify expected impacts on state residents and specific populations served.

Continuing to incentivize high-quality child care will lead to higher rates of providers joining Early Achievers, Washington’s quality rating and improvement system. As more providers are rated at higher levels of quality, the number of children receiving high-quality child care will increase and those children will be better prepared for kindergarten, regardless of race or income.

What are other important connections or impacts related to this proposal?

Impact(s) To:		Identify / Explanation
Regional/County impacts?	No	Identify:
Other local gov’t impacts?	No	Identify:
Tribal gov’t impacts?	No	Identify:
Other state agency impacts?	No	Identify:
Responds to specific task force, report, mandate or exec order?	No	Identify:
Does request contain a compensation change?	No	Identify:
Does request require a change to a collective bargaining agreement?	No	Identify:
Facility/workplace needs or impacts?	No	Identify:
Capital Budget Impacts?	No	Identify:

Is change required to existing statutes, rules or contracts?	No	Identify:
Is the request related to or a result of litigation?	No	Identify lawsuit (please consult with Attorney General's Office):
Is the request related to Puget Sound recovery?	No	If yes, see budget instructions Section 14.4 for additional instructions
Identify other important connections		None

Please provide a detailed discussion of connections/impacts identified above.

There are no impacts identified.

What alternatives were explored by the agency and why was this option chosen?

No alternative was explored as the request is to maintain a forecasted program.

What are the consequences of not funding this request?

The Department would be unable to pay enhanced rates for quality child care as required by the Early Start Act, and fewer at-risk children would receive high-quality child care.

How has or can the agency address the issue or need in its current appropriation level?

Current funding is inadequate to meet forecasted expenditures.

Other supporting materials:

Information technology:

No

Yes

