



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

ECEAP Expansion Think Tank

Welcome!



ECEAP Expansion Think Tank Charge

1. Provide insights and advice about obstacles to becoming an ECEAP provider and how to overcome them
2. Serve as a venue to explore potential changes to ECEAP processes that can support expansion of high-quality ECEAP services along the legislatively-mandated timeline

Think Tank Group Norms & Voting

- ❑ **Norms** - We commit to listening to understand, learning from each other, sharing openly and speaking constructively in all matters, even when disagreeing.
- ❑ **Voting Method** - Members use their “thumbs” to indicate their position
 - Thumbs Up - Means agreement
 - Thumbs Sideways - Means can live with it, and can support it publicly and privately
 - Thumbs Down - Means do not agree/cannot accept this proposal

Meeting Overview

- ❑ **New Developments**
- ❑ **Comments on Draft Expansion Plan**
- ❑ **Enabling Readiness of New Providers**
 - **Schools**
 - **Family Child Care**
 - **Rural and Remote**

Noon – informal conversation about how to assess readiness with Contracting Work Group colleagues

DEL ECEAP Budget Updates

- 1,800 new ECEAP slots

Model	FY18	FY19
Part Day	280	350
Full School Day	480	600
Extended Day	40	50
Total	800	1,000

- \$175K per year is included for the ECEAP Pathways work with Child Care Aware
- ECEAP contractors will receive a vendor rate increase
- \$1.2M reduction in ECEAP

DEL Budget Updates

- Early Achievers reduction of \$12M
- Time and attendance was funded at requested levels - using CCDF dollars (No GF-S) - \$11.4M
- WCCC center providers will get a 6% increase in base rates
- Free background checks for FFNs (funded out of CCDF)
- Reach Out and Read received \$300K to keep its contract at current levels
- \$750K in FY 18 to continue the Expanded Learning Opportunity Quality Initiative

DEL Budget Updates (Continued)

- Provisos:
 - WCCC proviso expanded to require DEL to adopt rules by December 2017.
 - Overpayments, quality control and future processes for audits
- \$5K to develop a child care workforce development technical work group
- There is funding for a number of bills:
 - Outdoor early learning (\$634K)
 - Dual language (\$486K)
 - Children's mental health (\$200K)
 - Facility bill passed, waiting on capital budget to see level of investment

Department of Children, Youth and Families

- HB 1661 passed and was signed into law
- Ross Hunter was named Secretary, effective August 1st.
- Transition Year - Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability
 - Process completed by July 1, 2018
- Lots of initial deliverables due fall of 2017
- New website up and running: www.dcyf.wa.gov

Identified ECEAP Contracting Process Changes

- Procedures
 - Workshops and tailored TA
 - Extended RFA response timeline
- Forms
 - Contract and standard alignment and amendment templates
 - Planned TA
- Budget & amendment processes
 - Amendment templates
 - Consistent amendment schedule
 - Training and TA funding allocation

ECEAP Expansion Plan

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- Work-in-progress
- Due 9/30
- Will be updated annually
- Includes expanding, maintaining and integrating services
- Think Tank focus - expansion

Plan Outline: Structure and Content

Comments & Advice: ECEAP Expansion Plan

Outline

Elements of the Plan

1. Narrative
2. Theory of Change
 - Focus: Enable Readiness & Expansion
3. Action Plans (4- years, extended to 2023 next year)
 - Focus: Enable Readiness and Expansion
4. Attachment A: Maps

Request for Comments & Advice: ECEAP Expansion Plan

Outline (Group 1)

Elements of the Plan

1. Narrative (Group 2)
2. Theory of Change
 - Focus: Enable Readiness & Expansion (Group 3)
3. Action Plans (4- years, extended to 2023 next year)
 - Focus: Enable Readiness and Expansion (Group 4)
4. Attachment A: Maps

Enabling Provider Readiness

- ❑ **More providers are needed to reach entitlement**
- ❑ **Today: Ask your advice on readiness pathways**
- ❑ **Three Groups**
 1. School District Providers
 2. Family Child Care Home Providers
 3. Rural and Remote Providers
- ❑ **Aim:** Get your advice on the steps and actions that will enable DEL to identify the best approach to advancing each issue in the *near term*.

Enabling Provider Readiness

Definitions

- Pathway - Steps and actions to engage providers and allow them to successfully deliver services.
- Readiness - Steps and supports to enable a provider (contractor or subcontractor) to submit/participate in a strong application and be prepared to deliver high-quality services.

Realities

- Participation in Early Achievers is a given.
- Variations from standards should be as minimal as possible.
- Changes to state policies and rules may limit actions we can take and their timing.
- Think streamlined and efficient.

THANK YOU!