



Washington State Department of Early Learning

# ECEAP

## Reminders and Links

### August 2016

#### Fall ECEAP Directors Meeting

Save the date for our Directors Meeting on October 5 and 6 at the DoubleTree Spokane City Center, to receive important information updates and participate in discussions to shape the future direction of ECEAP. Per your ECEAP contract, you are required to send a representative to this meeting. Email [eceap@del.wa.gov](mailto:eceap@del.wa.gov) if need assistance with room reservations at the discounted rate.

#### ECEAP Background Checks

Beginning July 1, 2016, ECEAP staff who may have unsupervised access to children are required to obtain “portable background checks” (PBC) through DEL. ECEAP staff in licensed child care are already using this method. The PBC application is available in MERIT for all ECEAP staff. For staff employed during the 2015-16 school year and continuing, the background check application process must be completed by October 1, 2016. This means fingerprints must be completed and DEL must receive the application and payment by this date. All applicants applying to work, volunteer or who reside in a child care setting with unsupervised access to children must submit a completed background check within seven days of hire. Click [here](#) to read the Frequently Asked Questions-Portable Background Check (FAQ). DEL will release additional guidance on implementing this new requirement in an e-mail as soon as it is ready. Click [here](#) for a 6-minute tutorial on how to submit a PBC application.

#### ECEAP Facilities Study

DEL is reviewing a preliminary report from BERK Consulting on facility needs for future ECEAP expansion. The report analyzes the demand for each ECEAP model, the number of new classrooms and outdoor playgrounds needed, and current ECEAP providers’ interest in expanding ECEAP services. The facility study will be completed by August 2016 and will include costs, challenges, and a variety of options to consider for supporting programs in purchasing, constructing and renovating facilities. It will inform DEL’s budget request to the Legislature.

### Important Dates

#### By August 31:

- For Extended Day ECEAP only: Teachers finalize the summer checkpoint in GOLD® by Teaching Strategies.

#### By September 15:

- Complete Contractor, Subcontractor, Site and Class sections of ELMS for the new school year.
- Submit 2016-17 ECEAP Operating Budget to DEL.

#### Want to know more?

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## DEL Website Improvements

When you next open the DEL website, you'll notice a new look and feel. Further improvements and updates are coming later this year. To get to the ECEAP contractor pages:

- Go to <https://www.del.wa.gov>.
- Click the ECEAP "tile" in the lower left of the home page.
  - Or click the Providers-Educators link on the blue bar and select ECEAP.
- Click the "ECEAP Documents" link to go to the page with your contractor forms and information.
- Remember to reset your bookmarks for frequently used pages on the DEL website.

## ECEAP Staff Qualifications

ECEAP Contractors must monitor that all ECEAP lead teachers, assistant teachers, and family support staff complete ECEAP staff qualifications applications in MERIT. Staff registered in MERIT in the "Grantee/Contractor" role can monitor applications and also enter employment dates using the instructions [here](#).

- As you hire ECEAP lead teachers, assistant teachers, and family support staff over the summer, ensure that they enter the education that qualifies them for their ECEAP role into the MERIT system.
- There is a substantial [financial award](#) to the individual staff member based on the education entered (unless the staff person has already received their full award).
- The verification process requires that staff send official transcripts or copies of official transcripts. If you send copies of unofficial transcripts, grade reports, or documents printed from the web, they will not be processed and it will delay your staff qualifications verification and your education award. If you are copying two-sided documents, be sure to copy and send both sides.
- Read the full instructions on entering staff qualifications in MERIT [here](#).

## ELMS Updates

- A new version of ELMS released on July 29, including these improvements:
  - When selecting health insurance options, DSHS ProviderOne Services Card and Washington Basic Health are no longer on the list. These are replaced by "ProviderOne/Washington Apple Health."
  - Indian Child Welfare (ICW) has been added to all locations in ELMS that previously said Child Protective Services (CPS).
  - The Health Status by Child report now includes descriptions of chronic conditions.
  - On the Monthly Report, Contractor page, there is a new section to enter the name of the person who attended Relationship-Based Professional Development (RBPD) meetings sponsored by your local Child Care Aware and the date of those meetings.
  - On the Monthly Report, Class page, Step 3 wording is changed so it is clear you enter child counts as of the last class day of the month.
  - When you enter a critical or urgent note in Child/Family Updates on the Child Development or Family page, you can now check a box to email the lead teacher or family support staff that an important note is there.
- For instructions on starting the 2016-17 school year in ELMS, click [here](#).
- ELMS Administrators should remove ELMS access from any staff who have left ECEAP.
- Paper versions of the prescreen and application are available [here](#), under "Enrollment."
- For assistance with ELMS, email [elms@del.wa.gov](mailto:elms@del.wa.gov).

### **OCCDA Hiring for New Director**

Okanogan County Child Development Association (OCCDA) invites applications for the ECEAP Executive Director position located in Omak, Washington. This position will provide direction, oversight and advocacy for the programs, staff, families and volunteers of the agency. Please email to Linda Rhoades at [lrhoades@ocdda.net](mailto:lrhoades@ocdda.net) for more information.

### **Teaching Strategies GOLD®**

- GOLD® Interrater Reliability (IRR)
  - Lead teachers must complete the Teaching Strategies GOLD® IRR certification online within six months of hire and renew every three years thereafter.
- *GOLDplus®* Coming Soon
  - DEL purchased a *GOLDplus®* license for classrooms in ECEAP Contractors that use the *Creative Curriculum®*! *GOLDplus®* helps teachers plan intentional learning experiences that support every child's development and learning and takes the guesswork out of individualizing instruction. You can begin exploring the features of *GOLDplus®* in the *Frequently Asked Questions* document [here](#). For more information or questions, please contact your DEL Pre-K Specialist.
  - DEL will provide *GOLDplus®* training via webinar in the fall. Additional guidance will be in future Reminders and Links. You can find free support, video tutorials, and companion articles at the Teaching Strategies new *GOLDplus®* [support page here](#).
  - DEL appreciates your responses to our recent survey to estimate the number of classrooms needing a *GOLDplus®* license. DEL Pre-K Specialists will work with you if additional licenses are needed.
  - To access *GOLDplus®*:
    1. Login to your *GOLD®* account [here](#).
    2. Go to the "Planning" tab.
    3. Select "*GOLDplus®*" from the drop-down menu.
  - Free support, video tutorials, and companion articles are on the *GOLDplus®* support page here.
- If you need GOLD assistance, or have an issue related to the ELMS to GOLD® data feed, email [del.wa@teachingstrategies.com](mailto:del.wa@teachingstrategies.com). If you cc [elms@del.wa.gov](mailto:elms@del.wa.gov), we will track follow-up.
- For generic GOLD® assistance only, such as help with your login, you may use the email above or call 1-866-736-5913 between 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

## **DEL ECEAP Trainings**

### **Family Support Pilot Training**

DEL is offering a 3-day training to prepare Family Support Pilot participants for 2016-17. This essential training is for volunteer pilot participants and has limited space available.

- August 8-10, 2016 – Green River College, 417 Ramsay Way #112, Kent, WA
- DEL will send registration information to contractors who expressed interest in participating in the pilot in 2016-17.

### **Eligibility and Enrollment Trainings**

DEL is offering 1-day Eligibility and Enrollment trainings in Summer and Fall of 2016! This training is designed for staff who review and verify eligibility information for ECEAP families, and who enroll families into the program. Participants will get ELMS training, Performance Standards review, real-life scenarios, and a chance to ask questions with the presenters. Register using this [link](#).

- August 22, 2016 – Everett Community College, Everett, WA
- August 23, 2016 – Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA
- August 24, 2016 – ESD 123, Pasco, WA
- September 21, 2016 – Green River College, Kent, WA
- September 22, 2016 – ESD 105, Yakima, WA

### **Training for New ELMS Administrators**

This free one-day training is for ELMS Administrators who will be the ELMS super-users for their ECEAP contractor. You may also want to sign up for the Eligibility and Enrollment Training (above) on the day before or after this training. See details and register using this [link](#).

- August 22, 2016 – 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Longview, WA
- August 25, 2016 – 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Pasco, WA
- September 20, 2016 – 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Kent, WA

### **Families Moving Forward Facilitator Training**

This is for staff who will deliver Families Moving Forward, a DEL curriculum on executive function, to parents and caregivers of ECEAP children, required for Full Day ECEAP sites and optional for other models. The series includes six sections that can be used in multiple formats.

- September 14, 2016 – 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM, ESD 123, Pasco
- September 19, 2016 – 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM, Everett Community College, Everett
- September 29, 2016 – 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM, Capitol Events Center, Tumwater
- Register using this [link](#).

### **Teaching Strategies GOLD® Online for Teachers**

This two-day introductory training is for staff new to Teaching Strategies GOLD® with a priority for new ECEAP lead teachers.

- September 6-7, 2016 – 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Lower Columbia College, Longview
- September 15-16, 2016 – 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Chelan Douglas Child Services, Wenatchee (participants need to bring their own laptop)
- October 3-4, 2016 – 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM – Educational Service District 101, Spokane
- Register using this [link](#).

## **Other Training Opportunities**

### **Starting Strong P-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Institute**

This three-day event builds connections among prenatal to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade educators and leaders to reduce the opportunity gap in the state of Washington.

- August 1-3, 2016 – The Greater Tacoma Convention Center, Tacoma, WA
- Register using this [link](#).

### **Mathematizing Read Alouds**

ESD 105 is hosting Mathematizing Read Alouds training for parents, early learning providers, and others who work with young children and families. Allison Hintz and Antony Smith from University of Washington Bothell will present on building math concepts using children's literature. Spanish interpretation services are available upon request.

- August 4, 2016 – 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Ahtanum Room, ESD 105 33 South Second Ave, Yakima
- August 5, 2016 – 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Lower Level, ESD 105 33 South Second Ave, Yakima
- Cost: \$30/person. Three STARS hours provided. Three OSPI clock hours available for purchase.
- Register using this [link](#). Enter Session ID 113498 for August 4 or 113548 for August 5. If you do not already have an account with ESD 105, you will need to create one in order to register.
- For more information, contact Stacie Marez at (509) 575-2885 or [stacie.marez@esd105.org](mailto:stacie.marez@esd105.org).

### ***Creative Curriculum***<sup>®</sup>

Teaching Strategies provides online resources to help with successful implementation of *The Creative Curriculum*<sup>®</sup> [here](#). Topics include:

- Professional Support from YouTube
- Classroom Ideas from our Teaching Partners
- Ideas and Inspiration from the Teaching Strategies Blog
- Social Media Channels: Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter
- Online Discussions with the Teaching Strategies Community
- Support for Online Training

### **Teaching Strategies *GOLD***<sup>®</sup>

- The free Teaching Strategies *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> Basic Course is available to Contractor staff with a *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> username can access. In four self-paced interactive modules, you can type in reflections, view video clips, and complete short activities and quizzes. A certification of completion is available when all four modules are completed. To access this course:
  - Sign in [here](#).
  - Go to Dashboard>Professional Development>Courses
  - Select *Teaching Strategies GOLD*<sup>®</sup> Basic
- *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> “How-To” [Videos](#) walk you through topics such as changing or resetting teacher passwords, entering checkpoints for multiple children, uploading photos and videos, using the weekly planning form, and using the Teaching Strategies *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> documentation app.
- *GOLD*<sup>®</sup> Administrators and Teachers can access free [online support](#) including a variety of tips and training to support positive child outcomes.

### **Professional Development Modules for Early Care and Education Providers**

Washington State Department of Health developed three online, self-directed [training modules](#) for ECE providers. The modules focus on screen time, healthy eating and physical activity. All of the modules are accredited by DEL.

### **Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)**

You can explore [resources](#) for teachers, coaches, and observers about CLASS on this blog. Recent blog topics include *How To Get Your Child to Listen: Finding Parallels with CLASS Dimensions* or *Teacher Tips: Balancing Regard and Organization*. Select this [link](#) to view these coach tips and many other topics.

## Resources

### Early Education

#### Music Curriculum Grants

Apply [here](#) as soon as possible to receive materials to support this [music curriculum](#) for Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade classes funded the Washington State Legislature. Preference will go to Title I schools, head start programs, early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP) sites, high poverty schools, schools with high mobility, and schools with low student achievement. Send questions to [anne.banks@k12.wa.us](mailto:anne.banks@k12.wa.us) or [rourke@cmfinc.org](mailto:rourke@cmfinc.org).

#### Kudos to ECEAP

A national [report](#) holds up Washington State's 31-year-old preschool program for low-income families as one of the best in the country, weathering good economic times and bad without sacrificing quality.

### Health

#### Listeria Risks

Listeria has been in the news recently, because of recalls to frozen vegetables and hot dogs. Listeria is a bacteria that occurs in soil, water and the intestines of animals and humans, mainly spread through contaminated food. Transmission mainly occurs through food that can be contaminated during or after processing. Learn more [here](#) and view recall lists [here](#).