



2017-19 Operating and Capital Budget Analysis for Early Learning Priorities

ELAA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS IN OPERATING BUDGET

ELAA Priorities		2017-19 Budget as Passed by Legislature (in millions)	Notes
Expand access to high quality PreK (ECEAP)	Make investments in rate-per-child necessary for a successful expansion	\$12.7	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature:</u> \$12.7 million increase for a 6% rate increase for ECEAP providers applied to all program types (i.e. part-day, full-day, and extended-day).
	Grow access with new slots	\$25.1	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature:</u> \$25.1 million increase to expand ECEAP by an additional 1,800 slots, for a total of 13,491 slots by the end of the 2017-19 biennium. This item adds 800 Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) slots in 2018 and 1,000 ECEAP slots in 2019, for a total of 1,800 new slots in the biennium. 630 of the slots are funded for three hours (part-day), 1,080 slots are funded for six hours (full-day), and the remaining 90 slots are funded for 10 hours (extended-day).
Invest in the value that quality delivers in Working Connections Child Care	Invest to maintain access by providing funding for all eligible families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintain 12-month authorizations of WCCC—it provides critical stability for kids ○ Reject child support enforcement & employment checks—they reduce EL access & doesn't adequately address fraud 	(-17.886 estimated cut)	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature:</u> (pg. 240 Economic Services Administration.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● -14.83 million WCCC: Children <2 TANF exemption (Budget writers make the assumption that expanding the exemption from TANF work requirements for parents of kids age 0-1 to parents of children 0-2 will reduce WCCC caseloads.) ● -3.054 million WCCC: Non-Custodial Parent Info (child support enforcement) <p>The following reduction is included in the final budget; we have not noted it as a funding cut due to current lack of information/analysis regarding the impact of this change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$6.1 million in savings by reducing the lead and supervisory staff to be 20% rather than 25% of the total workforce that makes financial eligibility determinations for public.

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Invest in the value that quality delivers in Working Connections Child Care (continued)	Increase reimbursement rates for center-based child care providers	\$21.8	In the budget as passed by the legislature: \$21.8 million increase for a 6% base subsidy rate increase for child care center providers. Funding is provided for a 6% base rate increase for child care centers receiving Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) and Seasonal Child Care payments effective September 1, 2017. The Department of Early Learning (DEL) pays for the seasonal child care program and tiered reimbursement for WCCC. The increase to the base rate payments for WCCC is in the DSHS Economic Services Administration (ESA) budget.
	Fund new Collective Bargaining Agreement for family child care providers	\$15.1	In the budget as passed by the legislature: \$15.1 million increase to fund the 2017-19 collective bargaining agreement with family home child care providers. Consistent with the 2017-19 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Service Employees Union International 925, funding is provided for a 2% base rate increase for licensed family home providers; additional training needs; an increase in paid professional development days (from three days to five days); an increase in the licensing incentive payment from \$250 to \$500; increased access to the substitute pool; and an increase in needs based grants.
Early Achievers		-\$12 cut	The Early Start Act was a careful balance of accountability and resources to meet new quality requirements. The surprise cut undermines critical support for providers to improve quality to meet new standards. In the budget as passed by the legislature: there is a cut of \$7 million in early achievers and \$5 million backfill from CCDF funding for the biennium. This cut is directed toward professional development.
Grow and retain a highly competent early learning professional workforce. Establish a stakeholder workgroup to develop recommendations to the legislature for addressing insufficient early learning compensation		.005	\$5,000 for DEL to convene a technical Child Care Workforce Work Group to develop recommendations to support the early learning workforce and issue a report by December 1, 2018.
Support parents as their child's first teacher	Sustain and expand Home Visiting	\$1.4	Achieved sufficient state investments to allow continuation of current services to make up for reductions in private and federal funding. In the budget as passed by the legislature: \$1.4 million to backfill the loss of federal MIECHV funds to sustain 210 slots. 1. A sweep of \$1.4 million in TANF underspend. This sweep of underspend should not impact any slots in the upcoming biennium, but is an issue that

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Support parents as their child's first teacher (continued)	Sustain and expand Home Visiting (continued)		may require some attention. It will be part of the work going forward.
	Enact Paid Family and Medical Leave	\$82	In the budget as passed by the legislature: \$82 million (p. 149) for the implementation of Substitute House Bill No. 1116 (family and medical leave insurance), Senate Bill No. 5975 (paid family and medical leave), or Senate Bill, No. 5032 (family and medical leave insurance). If none of the bills are enacted by July 31, 2017, the amount provided in this subsection shall lapse. Payments will get collected into a fund and a large portion of the outlays will be reimbursed from this fund once paid family and medical leave is implemented.

ELAA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS IN CAPITAL BUDGET

ELAA Priority	Budget As Passed by the Legislature (in millions)	Notes
Expand access to high-quality prekindergarten (ECEAP) and make investments in facilities. Award facility construction and renovation grants to current and potential providers in the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program	Analysis pending	Final capital budget has not been released as of 7/28/17

ELAA SUPPORT ITEMS IN OPERATING BUDGET

Additional Policies ELAA Supported	2017-19 Budget as Passed by Legislature (in millions)	Notes
Pilot for extended summer programming in ECEAP	0	
ECEAP training module for licensed centers	\$.350	In the budget as passed by the legislature: pg. 386
Career and Wage Ladder	0	Not in House or Senate Budget proposals.
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Quality Initiative	\$.750 (FY 18 only)	\$750k Funding is provided to continue the Expanded Learning Opportunity Quality Initiative pilot program for school age child care providers in FY 2018.
Sustain and expand Reach Out and Read	\$.3	In the budget as passed by the legislature: The budget provides a total of \$300,000 per year for ROAR. This is the same amount of funding we have now. The improvement is that it is all ongoing. In FY18, it is in DEL's budget and in FY19it is in new agency. Technically this is \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year) in "new funding" added to "maintenance" of \$300,000 (\$150,000 per year) because last biennium's increase was one-time.

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Support dual language in ECEAP	\$.486	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature: (p.386)</u> Dual Language-K-12 & Early Learning Funding is provided for implementation of Chapter 236, Laws of 2017 (SHB 1445), creating dual language grant programs in early learning. Funding is sufficient for one-year grants of \$50,000 for 10 early learning programs and for staffing at the Department of Early Learning to support the grant program.
ECLIPSE	\$.2152	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature: (p.386)</u> Additional one-time state funding is provided in FY 2018 to continue delivering the Early Childhood Intervention Prevention Services (ECLIPSE) program (formerly known as the Medicaid Treatment Child Care program). Use of federal Medicaid dollars to support this program was disallowed in 2014.
WCCC for Vulnerable Children funding to fulfill SHB 1624	\$.127	<u>In the budget as passed by the legislature: (p. 240)</u> Substitute House Bill 1624 (Working Connections Child Care for Vulnerable Children) allows families with children who are residing with their parent or legal guardian and have received child welfare services, child protective services, or a family assessment response in the previous six months to qualify for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC). Funding is provided for IT system changes and WCCC eligibility staff.

REVENUE

ELAA Priority	<u>Budget as Passed by the Legislature</u> (in millions)
Raise Revenue New revenue for education should include investments in early learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 2163 (Revenue) \$456 million • HB 2242 (Basic Education Funding) Property Tax increase \$1614 million TOTAL: +\$2070.596