



Coalition Positions & Minimum Recommended Funding Levels for Final 2019-21 Biennial Budgets

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Working Connections Child Care Rates:

- Adopt Senate funding levels for WCCC rate increases (55th percentile in year 1 and 60th in year 2)

Early Achievers:

- Adopt House Tiered Reimbursement increases
- Adopt House funding level for Early Achievers

ECEAP:

- At a minimum, adopt House level of funding for ECEAP.
- First fund rate increases at 10% for all *existing* types of models; use remaining for new slots.
- New slot mix: 90% School Day/10% Extended Day (no new part day slots)
- Provide flexibility to DCYF to maximize slot usage in communities

Home Visiting:

- Adopt Senate proposed level of investment and structure of funding with FFPSA investments to allow more families access to the program.
- We recognize there are questions related to leveraging federal Family First Prevention Services Act funds and stand ready to work with DCYF and stakeholders to work through in order to maximize access.

Capital Budget:

- Support House investment level of \$30mil
- Adopt ELAA suggested changes to proviso language

Policy Bills to fund:

- **HB 1303** - Student Parent Bill - \$1.3 million
- **HB 1344** - Child Care Access Workgroup - \$1.2 million
- **HB 1391** - Joint Early Achievers Recommendations - \$1.7 million
- **SB 5820** - Homeless Child Care - \$4.1 million

Revenue:

- The Early Learning Action Alliance is in support of progressive proposals to balance our tax code and realize new investments for early learning. We support Capital Gains and Progressive Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) with deposits into the Education Legacy Trust account.

For questions about any of the above policy areas on the ELAA Legislative Agenda, proviso's or amendments, please reach out to Allison.krustsinger@childrensalliance.org or (253) 426- 0410.