ECEAP Focus on . . .

Homelessness

1 in 17 children under 6 in WA are homeless. 164 homeless kids are on the ECEAP waitlist.

3 ECEAP Children in the average classroom are homeless during their ECEAP year or the year prior.

Health, Learning, Behavior are significantly impacted by child homelessness, leading to large achievement gaps.

ECEAP helps families through . . .

- High quality, supportive classrooms
- Connecting parents to resources that will stabilize housing and employment
- Job training, education and ESL support.
- Mental health support to children and families.

For more information please contact:
Joel Ryan or Katy Warren, Washington State Assn of Head Start & ECEAP Ph. 425.453.1227, cell 253.486.9077, email joel@wsaheadstarteceap.com

2017-19 ECEAP Expansion

When kids start kindergarten behind, they stay behind, and for homeless families that data is even more stark. To ensure that ECEAP has the capacity to help all very high risk children, we need three things this year:

- Funding for 3700 new children in full & extended day classrooms
- 16.7% increase in the per-child rate so programs can retain staff and meet high quality standards
- $37 million for a facilities bond fund to enable programs to expand and reach more children.