ECEAP Focus on . . .
The Power of Preschool

Why has Washington committed to expanding our nationally respected Pre-K program? Because decades of research, including our own Washington State Institute for Public Policy, has shown that it closes race and income gaps, reduces costs in K-12, and puts children on the path to becoming healthy and self-sufficient adults that can strengthen our economy.

**SHORT-TERM Benefits**

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<td>Ready for School at Age 5</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>Need Special Ed</td>
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<td>Repeat a Grade</td>
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<td>Graduate High School</td>
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**LONG TERM Benefits**

- **Adult Income**: Adults who had Pre-K earn 7-25% higher incomes.
- **Home Ownership**: Pre-K grads are 3 times more likely to own a home by age 27.
- **Welfare**: Kids with Pre-K are half as likely to have ever received welfare as an adult.
- **Crime**: Children with Pre-K are 2.14 times less likely to be arrested.

**2017-19 ECEAP Expansion**

High Quality Pre-K is Washington’s best strategy for better school and life outcomes. To ensure our neediest families aren’t left behind, 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 recruit and retain staff and meet high quality standards
- **$37 million for a facilities bond fund** to enable programs to expand and reach more children.

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