



## 2017 Support List

ELAA's support list is distinct from the coalition's legislative agenda. This is a list of items that we endorse, but do not lead advocacy or policy on. ELAA members will be notified when there are critical opportunities to support advancement of these issues.

1. Generate new revenue for education and other priorities that support kids and families through the Accountable Washington Revenue Reform Package. (Contact Julie Watts or Kelli Smith, Washington Budget and Policy Center, JulieW@budgetandpolicy.org or [kellis@budgetandpolicy.org](mailto:kellis@budgetandpolicy.org) and 206-262-0973).
2. Invest in Dual Language Education, which includes ensuring that Washington children have access to ECEAP classrooms that reflect a language spoken in their community. Investing in dual language learning and investing in early learning are evidence-based strategies to closing the opportunity gap and boosting long-term academic success for children, regardless of what language(s) they speak at home. [HB 1445](#) and [SB 5529](#) (Contact Vy Nguyen, OneAmerica, [Vy@weareoneamerica.org](mailto:Vy@weareoneamerica.org) and 206-452-8432).
3. Make a down payment on the commitment to improve provider compensation by providing resources for the Career and Wage Ladder. (Contact John Burbank, Economic Opportunity Institute, [john@eoionline.org](mailto:john@eoionline.org) and 206-529-6345.)
4. Include consideration of high-quality inclusion of children with disabilities in ELAC's review of early learning issues, programs and initiatives that come before the body. (Contact Ramona Hattendorf, ARC of King County, [rhattendorf@arcofkingcounty.org](mailto:rhattendorf@arcofkingcounty.org) and 206-829-7048).
5. Sustain and expand Reach out and Read. (Contact Jill Sells, Reach Out And Read, [jill.sells@reachoutandread.org](mailto:jill.sells@reachoutandread.org) and 206-524-3579).
6. Fund the Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Quality Initiative (formerly Out of School Time quality pilot). (Contact David Beard, School's Out Washington, [dbeard@schoolsoutwashington.org](mailto:dbeard@schoolsoutwashington.org) and 206-336-6922).

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7. Making children involved in child welfare system eligible for WCCC, [HB 1624](#). (contact Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children and Washington Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, [laurielippold@gmail.com](mailto:laurielippold@gmail.com) and 206-718-5853).

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