

2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

MAINTAINING MOMENTUM

Opportunities to continue supporting the wellbeing of children and families through investments in early care and education



- Increase Investments in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
 \$1.75M
 - An annual investment to allow IECMHC programs to address current waitlists, address ongoing program needs, and maintain quality of services for child care providers
 - Proposal put forth by CCA of WA and the Prenatal-5 Relational Health Subgroup
 - Increase Infant Rate Enhancement to \$500 \$14M
 - Improve family access to high-quality child care by helping providers cover the higher cost of infant care
 - Increase Non-standard Hour Bonuses to \$500 \$8M
 - Ensure greater access to care by covering higher costs for providers outside of standard 6am 6pm hours
 - Transition to Kindergarten Coordinated Recruitment and Enrollment - \$1.4M
 - Funding for CCA of WA to support coordination and communication to increase access to pre-k through our state's mixed delivery system
 - Support Stipends for the Lived Experiences Proposal \$2M
 - Exclude Child Support, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income payments for ECEAP and Working Connections Child Care -\$8.5M

ADDITIONAL 2024 PRIORITIES

- ECEAP Entitlement \$37M
- Align Overpayment Collection with Federal Requirements \$200K
- Increase Shared Services Funding \$1.7M
- Support SSPS Replacement Cost Under Development by DCYF

