House Children, Youth & Families Committee Work Session Inclusive Transitional Kindergarten (ITK) Grants

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Transitional Kindergarten

 TK is a kindergarten program for children, below the age of five, who do not have access to high-quality early learning experiences prior to kindergarten. Additionally, they have been deemed by a school district, through a screening process and/or other instrument(s), to be in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten the following year.



• Early entrance to kindergarten (WAC 392-335-025)



Inclusive Transitional Kindergarten (ITK)

- Funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund
- Supports participating districts in building high-quality and inclusionary practices within Transitional Kindergarten programs.
- Features intentional alignment with MTSS systems and PIC (PreK Inclusion Champions) efforts.
- Creates additional inclusive opportunities for children with disabilities



Inclusive Transitional Kindergarten Activities

ITK Activity	Areas of Focus
ITK Planning and Implementation Grant Support	Washington Pyramid Model (WAPM) technical assistance, coaching, professional development, including general supports to district activities related to <u>stages 1-2 of implementation science</u> .
General Transitional Kindergarten Support	Supports non-ITK grantee district offering TK
Regional Collaboration and Planning	Regional Implementation Team (RIC) engagement
Statewide network engagement	Coordinated Recruitment and Enrollment, PreK-3 Network, PreK/TK Inclusion Champions Network



Washington Pyramid Model within Washington Multi-Tiered System of Supports



The Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children





ITK Grants 2021-2023

2021-2022	2022-2023
Participating Districts	Participating Districts
40	67

Total ESSER Funding: \$21 million



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Focus on Inclusionary Practices through intentional alignment of grants and systems, paired with the refinement or initial development of an MTSS system, PreK-TK and beyond.

Purpose is to achieve positive student outcomes with the deployment of inclusionary practices within school districts utilizing the Stages of Implementation.



Questions?

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