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# DCYF Updates

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House Children, Youth, and  
Families Committee Work Session

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Washington State Department of  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**



# Working Connections Child Care – Special Needs Rate

*“The special needs rate is for care provided in addition to the daily routine care required” [WAC 110.15.0220](#)*

- Relevant areas include: ambulatory assistance, feeding, hygiene assistance, communication, or behavioral supports
- The level of need determines the additional special needs rate paid in addition to the subsidy base rate.
  - FFN Provider Special Needs Rates
    - Tier 1 -- \$.62 per hour
    - Tier 2 – Up to \$9.41 per hour
  - LFH Provider Special Rates
    - Tier 1 – Varies by Region and child age
    - Tier 2 – Up to \$15.89 per hour
  - Center Provider Special Rates
    - Tier 1 – Varies by region and child age
    - Tier 2 – Up to \$15.89 per hour

Month of Service	# Providers	# Children
Jan. 2022	119	139
Feb. 2022	121	140
March 2022	136	158
April 2022	142	164
May 2022	153	178
June 2022	156	178
July 2022	154	173
August 2022	139	161



# Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Child Care Consultation Program

*IECMH consultants develop relationships with the adults and caregivers in young children's lives to build adults' capacity and skills to strengthen and support the healthy social and emotional development of children—early and before formalized intervention is needed.*

## **Mental Health Consultants:**

- Work to support strong relationships and supportive environments for children.
- Focus on building the capacity of the adults in children's lives to understand young children's social emotional development
- Are highly-trained licensed or license-eligible professionals with specialized knowledge in childhood development, the effects of stress and trauma on families, the importance of attachment for young children, and the impacts of adult mental health on developing children
- Use a strengths-based approach and consider all levels of influence to support young children and their caregivers



# Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Child Care Consultation Program

## **DCYF funded consultants:**

- Holding Hope program – administered by CCA
- 1 IECMHC Director and 1 Supervisor
- 15 IECMHCs spread out across 6 regions in the state
  - 9 of the 15 staff identify as bicultural, BIPOC, or persons of color
  - IECMHC team is able to provide consultation in 6 languages: English, Spanish, Somali, Swahili, Vietnamese, Indonesian
  - 5 of MHCs are fluent in Spanish (2- Central, 1-Olypen, 1- Eastern, 1-Statewide)

## **Impact as of September 2022:**

- 361 unique programs referred
- 176 currently open cases (individual EL staff persons)
- 110 providers currently on waitlist



# Complex Needs Grants - ECEAP

## ECEAP Complex Needs Grant Fund

- Established by Fair Start for Kids Act in 2021
- DCYF had \$4.6 million available for the 22-23 funding year.
- DCYF received 43 grant applications that totaled to \$8.3 million in funding requests – all 43 were funded, at less than their requested amounts
- Awards are supporting:
  - Adding staffing in the classroom: 36 contractors
  - Increasing mental health/behavioral: 28 contractors
  - Providing supportive and adaptive material and equipment: 33 contractors
  - Adaptive curriculum: 22 contractors
  - Professional development of providing teacher, coach, and training: 37 contractors
  - Filling unique transportation needs: 9 contractors



# Complex Needs Grants – Child Care

## Child Care Complex Needs Fund

- Also established by Fair Start for Kids Act in 2021
- For open, licensed, and certified child care providers. Grants of \$5,000-\$100,000 for staffing, therapeutic services, ADA facility improvements, supportive and adaptive materials and equipment, or teacher training.
- DCYF had \$1.5 million in available funding for this round of grant applications from the 2021-23 biennial budget.
- DCYF received more than 1,400 applications totaling \$86M
- DCYF received approval to use additional CRRSA funds to increase the Complex Needs Fund Round 1 awards to \$7.35 million.
- **Round 1 total grant awards will fund 132 applications (82 centers and 50 licensed family homes)**



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*Thank you*

# Working Connections Child Care – Special Needs Rate

Licensed or certified child care centers and seasonal day camps Level 1 rates:

		Infants (Birth - 11 mos.)	Toddlers (12 - 29 mos.)	Preschool (30 mos. - 6 yrs not attending kindergarten or school)	School-age (5 - 12 yrs attending kindergarten or school)
Region 1	Full-Day	\$7.30	\$6.14	\$5.80	\$5.45
	Half-Day	\$3.65	\$3.07	\$2.90	\$2.73
Region 2	Full-Day	\$7.36	\$6.15	\$5.70	\$5.05
	Half-Day	\$3.68	\$3.08	\$2.85	\$2.52
Region 3	Full-Day	\$9.75	\$8.13	\$7.02	\$6.82
	Half-Day	\$4.88	\$4.06	\$3.51	\$3.41
Region 4	Full-Day	\$11.35	\$9.48	\$7.95	\$7.16
	Half-Day	\$5.67	\$4.74	\$3.98	\$3.58
Region 5	Full-Day	\$8.32	\$7.16	\$6.30	\$5.59
	Half-Day	\$4.16	\$3.58	\$3.15	\$2.80
Region 6	Full-Day	\$8.18	\$7.02	\$6.14	\$6.00
	Half-Day	\$4.09	\$3.51	\$3.07	\$3.00





# Working Connections Child Care – Special Needs Rate

Licensed or certified family home child care providers Level 1 rates:

		Infants (Birth - 11 mos.)	Toddlers (12 - 29 mos.)	Preschool (30 mos. - 6 yrs not attending kindergarten or school)	School-age (5 - 12 yrs attending kindergarten or school)
Region 1	Full-Day	\$6.00	\$5.40	\$5.40	\$4.80
	Half-Day	\$3.00	\$2.70	\$2.70	\$2.40
Region 2	Full-Day	\$6.00	\$5.70	\$5.10	\$5.10
	Half-Day	\$3.00	\$2.85	\$2.55	\$2.55
Region 3	Full-Day	\$8.70	\$7.50	\$6.60	\$6.00
	Half-Day	\$4.35	\$3.75	\$3.30	\$3.00
Region 4	Full-Day	\$9.00	\$8.90	\$7.50	\$7.20
	Half-Day	\$4.50	\$4.45	\$3.75	\$3.60
Region 5	Full-Day	\$6.60	\$6.00	\$5.70	\$5.10
	Half-Day	\$3.30	\$3.00	\$2.85	\$2.55
Region 6	Full-Day	\$6.60	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.70
	Half-Day	\$3.30	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.85

