



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



HEAD START PROGRAM



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ECEAP (pronounced "E-Cap") is the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program funded by Washington State for children 3 and 4. **Head Start** is funded by the federal government for children ages 3 and 4 and, in some locations, pregnant women and children birth to age 3.

Programs vary but include:

- Free early learning child care or preschool to support child's development and learning.
- Family support, Child health coordination, and nutrition.
- Services responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's heritage and experience.

ELIGIBILITY

Most children are eligible for ECEAP and Head Start based on their age and family income, but there may be other ways to be eligible so please reach out to see if you are eligible.

- Child has a family member who attended an Indian Boarding School, or whose family participates in traditional **hunting**, gathering or fishing
- Environmental factors such as homelessness, family violence, chemical dependency, foster care, or incarcerated parents
- Developmental factors such as developmental delay or other special needs.

GET STARTED

Contact your local Head Start dcyf.hsco@dcyf.wa.gov or local ECEAP eceap@dcyf.wa.gov



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