

ECEAP Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know if my child/family will qualify for ECEAP?

In order to qualify for ECEAP, families must meet eligibility requirements which may include income, family circumstance, environmental or developmental factors. There is an application process to find out if you qualify.

Here are questions to answer that will help you decide if you should apply for ECEAP:

- Does my family live on a limited income? *If your family qualifies for basic food or free or reduced-price meals, you may qualify for ECEAP based on income.*
- What if my family income has changed? *If your family has had a recent significant reduction of income, you might qualify for ECEAP. Examples include job loss or reduction, family separation, etc.*
- Are there other family circumstances impacting my child or our family? *Examples include homelessness, foster or kinship care or adopted after foster/kinship care, CPS, FAR or ICW involvement, household conflicts, health issues, etc.*
- Are there concerns about my child or do they need additional support? *Examples include concerns about development, health concerns, dual language learner (learning English), an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), etc.*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please fill out the [ECEAP Inquiry Form](#) to provide basic information about you and your child. An ECEAP staff member will follow-up with you to talk more about the program and complete an application.

Q: What are the income guidelines for ECEAP?

ECEAP primarily enrolls families with limited income. If your family qualifies for Basic Food (food stamps) or Free or Reduced-Price School Meals, you may qualify. To see if your income may be within the guidelines, open the Income Eligibility chart on the following link:

[ECEAP Income Eligibility](#)

Q: What will I need to provide for the application?

In addition to completing the application, you will need to provide documents to verify your family's annual income, child's date of birth, your family size, your authority to enroll them and their immunization records. For your application, plan to provide the following:

Proof of all annual income for your family (send all that you have):

- 2019 tax return - 1040 form, all pages
- 12-month TANF payment history
- 12-month SSI payment history
- 12-month child support payment history
- Foster Care statement
- Other income documentation as requested

Documentation of child's date of birth:

- Copy of birth certificate
- DSHS letter with date of birth listed
- Copy of passport

Copy of child's immunization/shot record

Q: What if I need an interpreter?

We are happy to assist you in your preferred language. Please fill out our [ECEAP Inquiry Form](#) and tell us what language is needed for interpretation. You can also call us with your basic contact information and we will have an interpreter call you back. [Español](#) [عربي](#) [русский](#) [Tiếng Việt](#)

Q: What will ECEAP be like?

ECEAP is a comprehensive preschool program for children and their families. That means we'll partner with you to support your child's learning and connect regularly with you to also support your whole family. ECEAP has three main parts to the program:

1. **Preschool services for 3 and 4-year-old children** – ECEAP focuses on preparing children for kindergarten and success in school using a “whole child” approach. This includes social-emotional skills, language, thinking skills and physical development as well as academic skills such as literacy and mathematics – all of which will help children be prepared for kindergarten. Classes are 2 hours and 45 minutes Monday through Thursday. Preschoolers learn through play and interactions, so during class children will have a meal and snack as a group, large group/circle time, small group opportunities, and ample time to make choices about their play, both indoors and out.
2. **Family services** – ECEAP focuses on supporting family stability and connectedness. In ECEAP, we will work with parents to set goals for their family and provide resources, tools, and other support. Parents will have opportunities to be involved, learn about topics that interest them and gain support from staff and other families.
3. **Health and Nutrition services** – ECEAP focuses on child and family health and wellbeing. Children will receive developmental and health screenings and we work with parents to ensure children have preventative medical and dental care. Health and nutrition activities and education will be a regular part of the program for both children and families.

Q: Is transportation available for my child?

If your family lives within the Everett Public Schools boundaries, efforts will be made to provide transportation, when available, following our transportation department guidelines. Your child will need to attend the nearest ECEAP program, as determined by transportation, in order to be considered for transportation. You are always welcome to attend a different location if you prefer to self-transport.

Q: What vaccinations are required for ECEAP attendance?

The following link shows the vaccinations required for ECEAP attendance:

[Vaccinations Required for Preschool Children](#)

Q: What happens if the program is full?

Children are placed on a prioritized waiting list and spaces are filled from this list as room becomes available. Parents will be contacted when there is an opening.

Q: When will ECEAP preschool classes begin?

Preschool classes begin mid-September. ECEAP staff will contact you before classes begin to schedule time to meet with your family, invite you to orientation and share other information about the start of school.

Q: What do other parents say about ECEAP?

Here are some quotes from past ECEAP parents:

- My child has excelled so much in the last two years of him being in ECEAP. He's able to speak with people with ease and make new friends wherever he goes. He knows how to vocalize when something is challenging and he's needing help.
- The ECEAP teachers helped us help our son. They gave us the run down of what he needed to work on at home and always informed us on what he was excelling in. They always gave us the time of day when we had questions or concerns.
- ECEAP helped us see confidence in ourselves and set goals for our child and also for ourselves.