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Washington State Department of Early Learning

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**Reminders  
and Links**

**October  
2011**

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## Due Dates

- [Billing for September Services](#) .....October 15
- Enter all Child Enrollment Forms in EMS .....October 15
- Request to use ECEAP funds for federal match (optional) .....October 15
- [e-DECA release form](#) .....October 30
- Fully enroll all classes .....By 30 days after classes start
- [New Site Approvals](#) .....Two weeks before classes begin
- [Staff Qualifications](#) form for new hires .....Upon hire

## ECEAP Announcements

### **DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting – Register Now!**

- Thursday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, October 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- At ESD 113's new location, 6005 Tye Drive S.W., Tumwater, WA 98512
- Agenda includes:
  - Child assessment and outcomes
  - DEL monitoring processes
  - The Early Learning Management System (ELMS) replacing EMS
  - Upcoming changes

All ECEAP Contractors must send a representative. This is the only in-person Directors Meeting this year. The reception to celebrate ECEAP's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in Olympia Thursday evening. Please complete the registration form at:

[del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DEL\\_ECEAP\\_DirectorsMeeting\\_Registration\\_Form.doc](http://del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DEL_ECEAP_DirectorsMeeting_Registration_Form.doc)

# Help us celebrate **25** years of growing our future!!

## Save the date!

**What:** Celebrate ECEAP's 25th anniversary

**When:** Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** State Capitol Building, Columbia Room

Join us for good company and inspirational stories from ECEAP providers, graduates and families.

We will have a slideshow, guest speakers and refreshments.

More information to follow soon.



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## ECEAP Outcomes Data Collection

The 2011-12 ECEAP outcomes reporting requirements are at:

[www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/OutcomesReportingRequirements.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/OutcomesReportingRequirements.pdf)

- DEL will collect the same end-of-year data as last year. Plan ahead, using this form: [www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/EndYearDataReport.doc](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/EndYearDataReport.doc). At the end of the school year, you will tabulate results on this form, then enter them in an electronic survey.
- DEL will collect DECA data directly from Devereux. The e-DECA release form will be available at the Directors meeting and is due by October 15.
  - IMPORTANT: When you add ECEAP children to e-DECA, you *must* enter ECEAP in the “external ID” field. This field is located on the Child Page right by the Last Name and First Name fields. This is essential because it allows DEL to extract your ECEAP measures for our outcomes reports. If you do not do this, DEL will request that you compile your ECEAP results.
  - If you want to add non-ECEAP children to the e-DECA license purchased by DEL, you may:
    - Contact Kaplan Early Learning Company at (800) 334-2014 to order additional preschool “per child uses” or DECA Infant and Toddler assessments.
    - Contact Susan Damico at [sdamico@devereux.org](mailto:sdamico@devereux.org) to let her know you have ordered additional DECA assessments. She will make sure these are included in the same database, under your license.
- DEL will collect Teaching Strategies GOLD™ data directly from Teaching Strategies, for ECEAP contractors voluntarily using this tool.
  - The DEL report will compare fall checkpoint data (collected and *finalized* within the first 90 days of class) and spring checkpoint data (collected and *finalized* by June). Please schedule your checkpoints as far apart as possible in order to show maximum growth.
  - DEL will collect data on all objectives and dimensions in the following areas of development and learning: Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy and Mathematics.
- Collecting family outcomes is optional for the 2011-12 school year. If you choose to do so, DEL would like to use your results for our outcomes reports. The English and Spanish family interview and tabulation forms are available at: [www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FamilyOutcomesSurvey.doc](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FamilyOutcomesSurvey.doc).

## **New on the DEL ECEAP Website**

- 2011-12 ECEAP Contract (sample):  
[www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ECEAP\\_Sample\\_Contract\\_2011-12.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ECEAP_Sample_Contract_2011-12.pdf)
- 2011-12 ECEAP Slots, Funding and Over-income Limits  
[www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ContractorAllotments.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ContractorAllotments.pdf)
- DEL ECEAP Staff Contacts  
[www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DEL\\_ECEAP\\_Staff\\_Contacts.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DEL_ECEAP_Staff_Contacts.pdf)
- **New!** DECA Reflective Checklists - quick program quality checklists:  
[www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DECA\\_reflective\\_checklist\\_supportive\\_actions.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DECA_reflective_checklist_supportive_actions.pdf)
- **New!** ECEAP Outreach packet: [www.del.wa.gov/eceap](http://www.del.wa.gov/eceap)

## **Early Learning Guidelines – comments due October 27**

The Department of Early Learning is asking for input on the draft Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines (formerly known as the Benchmarks). For more information and links to the Guidelines redesign fast facts, sample pages, comment form and online survey, please visit [www.del.wa.gov/development/benchmarks](http://www.del.wa.gov/development/benchmarks).

## **Billing for September Services**

Please email your A-19 vouchers to [del.fiscal@del.wa.gov](mailto:del.fiscal@del.wa.gov) instead of the ECEAP email. If you have questions, contact [eceap@del.wa.gov](mailto:eceap@del.wa.gov) or (360)725-2835. If you started preschool classes in September, *you must enter the monthly report in EMS before DEL can reimburse you.*

## **Site Approval Form**

DEL must approve any new or moved classrooms. Please complete the ECEAP Site Approval form and send it to DEL at least two weeks before classes start. The form is at [www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/Site\\_Approval\\_Form.doc](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/Site_Approval_Form.doc).

## **Staff Qualifications for New Hires**

As you hire new ECEAP lead teachers, assistant teachers or family support specialists, send staff qualifications forms to [eceap@del.wa.gov](mailto:eceap@del.wa.gov). You can find the forms at [www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap) under Staff Qualifications.

## Training Opportunities

### **Train the Trainer: Helpful Tips for Leading and Facilitating Conversations on Race**

- October 7, Seattle

Learn strategies for successfully presenting sensitive information about race relations to a wide audience of learners. [www.culturesconnecting.com/upcomingevents.html](http://www.culturesconnecting.com/upcomingevents.html)

### **Home Visiting – 8-week course**

- Starts October 14, Edmonds Community College

*Home Visiting* (FSS 186) - Learn how to enhance your home visits and meet the multi-generational needs of the family. Safety and goal setting are emphasized. Instructor Deborah Northern (PSESD Head Start) will share her experience and knowledge.

[www.edcc.edu/fss/pdf/FSS%20186%20Fall%2010.pdf](http://www.edcc.edu/fss/pdf/FSS%20186%20Fall%2010.pdf)

### **Teaching Strategies GOLD - Webinars**

OSPI has posted several webinars designed for WaKIDS teachers on GOLD navigation, online reports and data. [www.k12.wa.us/WaKIDS/default.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/WaKIDS/default.aspx).

### **Special Education Conference**

- March 7 to 9, Shoreline

Specialists from around the U.S. will present current research and evidence-based interventions. [www.rehabseminars.org/2012specedconference.php](http://www.rehabseminars.org/2012specedconference.php).

## Resources

**Preschool Basics** NIEER's 5-minute video, *Growing and Learning in Preschool*, shows the essential features of a high-quality preschool program.

[www.nieer.org/docs/index.php?DocID=65](http://www.nieer.org/docs/index.php?DocID=65)

**Preschool: The Best Job Training Program** Soft skills learned in preschool are important for getting a job in the future.

[www.npr.org/blogs/money/2011/08/12/139583385/preschool-the-best-job-training-program-out-there?sc=tw&cc=share](http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2011/08/12/139583385/preschool-the-best-job-training-program-out-there?sc=tw&cc=share).

**Read for the Record** Join this annual event by reading *Llama Llama Red Pajama* to children on October 6.

[www.jstart.org/site/PageServer?pagename=readfortherecord\\_about](http://www.jstart.org/site/PageServer?pagename=readfortherecord_about).

**Brain Science** This 3-minute *Brain Hero* video, from Harvard's Center on the Developing Child, depicts how actions by a range of people in the family and community impact child development.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=s31HdBeBgg4&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s31HdBeBgg4&feature=youtu.be).

**Child Well-Being** Read this summary the Census Bureau, which includes the fact that in 2009, half of children age 1 to 5 were read to seven or more times a week by a family member, and much more. [www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/children/cb11-138.html](http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/children/cb11-138.html).

**Reggio Approach** Watch this 10-minute YouTube overview of the Reggio Emilia approach, in Italian with English subtitles. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8xWKCkuhFA&feature=player\\_embedded#at=20](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8xWKCkuhFA&feature=player_embedded#at=20)

**Pre-K to Third Grade Environments** Get inspired about linking high-quality preschool and grade school learning environments at [www.fpg.unc.edu/~firstschool/assets/LearningEnvironments.pdf](http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~firstschool/assets/LearningEnvironments.pdf)

**Go Out and Play!** Use this resource to plan an event about physical activity for young children. Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/ccp\\_pdfs/GOP\\_kit.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/ccp_pdfs/GOP_kit.pdf).

**WIC** The Washington Women, Infant and Child Nutrition Program is welcoming new families. ECEAP and Head Start children and their families are income eligible.

- For more information about WIC: [www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/WIC/default.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/WIC/default.htm)
- Find a WIC clinic: [www.parenthelp123.org/resources/wic-family-planning](http://www.parenthelp123.org/resources/wic-family-planning)
- Order free WIC outreach posters and flyers, available in ten languages: [www.withinreachwa.org/ordermaterials\\_qty#WIC,TheNutritionProgramforWomen,Infants&Children](http://www.withinreachwa.org/ordermaterials_qty#WIC,TheNutritionProgramforWomen,Infants&Children) or call 1-800-322-2588.

**Child Health Insurance** Help low-income families enroll their children in Apple Health coverage at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/applehealth/>.

**Happy Teeth!** For a clear, simple introduction to dental care for infants to five-year olds, read [www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20110901075346.pdf](http://www.nfsmi.org/documentlibraryfiles/PDF/20110901075346.pdf).

**Cheap Broadband** Families qualifying for free lunch and living in Comcast's service area qualify for internet at \$9.95 a month. [www.techflash.com/seattle/2011/09/comcast-to-offer-cheaper-broadband-for.html](http://www.techflash.com/seattle/2011/09/comcast-to-offer-cheaper-broadband-for.html).

**Grants** The Foundation for Early Learning funds grants for events, community action projects and coalition-building. [www.earlylearning.org/grantmaking](http://www.earlylearning.org/grantmaking)

**Business & Early Childhood** Investing in high-quality pre-k education promotes productivity growth, job creation and a better future workforce. [www.partnershipforsuccess.org/uploads/20110719\\_BartikWebBriefFINAL.pdf](http://www.partnershipforsuccess.org/uploads/20110719_BartikWebBriefFINAL.pdf)

**Head Start State Collaboration Office** Update your knowledge of statewide early learning projects at [www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/head-start/hssco.aspx](http://www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/head-start/hssco.aspx).