



Early
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Program

Washington State Department of Early Learning

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**Reminders
and Links**

**September
2011**

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Due Dates

- [Registration](#) for Olympia DECA Trainings September 1
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- [Billing for August Services](#) September 15
- Update Subcontractor and PIF sections of EMS September 15
- [Staff Contacts Update](#) September 15
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- [New Site Approvals](#) Several weeks before class start date
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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 Dr. S.W., Tumwater, WA 98512

Join us at the fall DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting for updates on child assessment and outcomes, DEL monitoring processes, the state's prekindergarten workgroup, development of the database to replace EMS and more.

All ECEAP Contractors must send a representative. This is the only in-person DEL Directors Meeting this year. The reception to celebrate ECEAP's 25th anniversary will be in Olympia Thursday evening. Register here:

www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DEL_ECEAP_DirectorsMeeting_Registration_Form.doc

ECEAP – 25 Years of Growing Our Future! 1986-2011

- Thursday, October 6, 2011 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Columbia Room at the State Capitol building

DEL invites you to attend a reception celebrating the first 25 years of ECEAP. We will present the new DEL ECEAP logo, show a video of interviews of ECEAP children and parents, and hear inspiring stories from ECEAP families. There will be festive food, courtesy of Thrive by Five Washington and the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP. Please let us know if you have hired a former ECEAP parent. We would love to honor them at the anniversary celebration! Email eceap@del.wa.gov.

DEL ECEAP Annual Calendar – **NEW!**

The calendar of ECEAP due dates, meetings and trainings for 2011-12 is available at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/ContractorCalendar.pdf.

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.

Staff Contacts Form

It's time to update your staff information for DEL. Directors received a pre-filled copy of the *Contractor Staff Contacts Form* by email. Please add or delete staff, and return the form to DEL. We will update our distribution lists, including the lists of staff receiving this newsletter, based on the information you provide.

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. The forms are at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap under Staff Qualifications.

Billing for August Services

DEL emailed your A-19 Invoice Voucher for 2011-12 as part of your contract package. If you have a payment point for August, please submit your voucher and monthly report by September 15. If you did not have preschool classes in August, complete the heading and section six (site summary) of the paper monthly report form at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/MonthlyReport11-12.doc. Once your preschool classes begin, you must enter your monthly report in EMS.

New this year: Please email your A-19 vouchers to del.fiscal@del.wa.gov instead of the ECEAP email. If you have questions, please contact eceap@del.wa.gov.

Technology Survey – Extended through September 30

DEL is developing the Early Learning Management System (ELMS) to replace EMS beginning July 2012. To ensure the new system works well across the state, please have one person from your ECEAP program complete our short survey of your equipment, software and skill levels at www.surveymonkey.com/s/55FDJMG.

DECA Reflective Checklists

The 2011-12 school year is here and staff are busy refreshing their classroom environments. This is a great time to use the DECA Reflective Checklists. Each item on the checklists enhances program quality while strengthening children's protective factors. An alternate version of the checklists is here:

www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DECA_reflective_checklist_supportive_actions.pdf

Highlights include:

- A rating scale for each item.
- Information about which protective factor each item promotes.
- Ideas about how to turn each "not yet" into a "yes."
- A planning form for completing quality improvements.

Training Opportunities

DECA Training – Registration is Open

DEL offers free training for staff who use the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA). The first day is a basic training session. The second day covers more advanced, in-depth information about using DECA results in your classroom. You may register for one or both days. You must have completed the basic training, this year or in the past, before you take the advanced training. Register at least one week in advance at www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/DECARegistration_Fall2011.docx.

- September 8, Basic Implementation Overview, Olympia
- September 9, Advanced Classroom Strategies, Olympia
- September 15, Basic Implementation Overview, Renton
- September 16, Advanced Classroom Strategies, Renton

Immunization Training

- September 27-28, Tacoma

Learn about vaccination principles, vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccines. For more information, go to www.immunizewa.org/cdc2day.

I Am Moving, I Am Learning

- September 28-30, Tacoma

Three-day train-the-trainers event at Bates Technical College will be facilitated by *Choosy Kids* to address childhood obesity.

https://crr.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mc&view=mc&mcid=form_104337

CPS Trainings - Online at www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/safety/abuseReport.asp?2

- Protecting the Abused and Neglected Child
www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/publications/22-163.pdf
- Mandatory Reporter's Video
www.dshs.wa.gov/video/ca/mandatedReporting.aspx
- Racial Disproportionality in the Child Welfare System
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHLw5rylqow&feature=channel_video_title

Resource Links

Child Development Milestones Track a child's growth and development from ages 4 to 11 and learn about topics such as developmental disabilities, immunization recommendations and screening at www.cdc.gov/parents/children/milestones.html.

Immunization Exemption View a 10-minute pre-recorded presentation about the new immunization exemption law:

www.k12.wa.us/HealthServices/OSPI_ExemptionLaw/index.htm

Nutrition The Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has free nutrition and health materials in 10 languages at withinreachwa.org/ordermaterials_qty#WIC,TheNutritionProgramforWomen,Infants&Children or call 1-800-322-2588.

Pre-K to Third Grade Alignment Read the 10 steps for aligning the early learning years at www.naesp.org/transforming-early-childhood-education-executive-summary.

Quality Pre-K in Schools See recommendations to principals for creating high quality pre-kindergarten programs at www.naesp.org/principal-mayjune-2011-early-childhood/why-pre-k-critical-closing-achievement-gap.

Kids Count Data about children in Washington state:

datacenter.kidscount.org/data/bystate/StateLanding.aspx?state=WA.

WaKIDS The Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) has a new website: www.k12.wa.us/WaKIDS/.

Child Care Subsidy Read about recent changes to Working Connections wait lists, child support requirements and more at www.del.wa.gov/care/help/connections.aspx.

Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Learn how DEL is leading Washington's application for the grant at www.del.wa.gov/government/racetotop/ or on DEL's blog at <http://delconnect.blogspot.com>.

Head Start State Collaboration Office Update your knowledge of statewide early learning projects at www.del.wa.gov/partnerships/head-start/hssco.aspx.