

Tribal Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project

State of Washington

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Introductions



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Poll



- Do you have access to Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation?
- If so, who funds the program?

What is IECMHC?

Infant and early childhood mental health consultation (IECMHC) is an intervention that teams a mental health professional with early care and education staff and families. This team works on ways to help promote the social and emotional development of the young children in their care.



Funding for Tribal IECMHC Project

PROVISO LANGUAGE:

\$260,000 of the general fund – state appropriation for fiscal year 2023 is provided solely for the department to implement an infant and early childhood mental health consultation initiative to support tribal child care and early learning programs. Funding may be used to provide culturally congruent infant and early childhood mental health supports for tribal child care, tribal early childhood education and assistance program, and tribal head start providers. The department must consult with federally recognized tribes which may include round tables through the Indian policy early learning committee.

Project Timeline and Progress

- Feedback from IPEL meeting in May
- IECMHC program coordinator hired in June, DCYF will continue to expand capacity
- Core Early Achievers team for Tribal IECMHC Project formed in July
- Internal DCYF team development in August
- Tribal group engagement throughout fall (4-6 meetings)



Support and Expertise



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Infant & Early Childhood
Mental Health Consultation
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Our Goals for Collaboration



- 29 federally-recognized Tribes
- Varied IECMHC practices and supports
- Child care centers, family homes, ECEAP, Home visiting, Head Start & Early Head Start programs
- Local knowledge and resources



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Breakout Discussion

Please choose a reporter to be prepared to share with the larger group

- Discuss in small groups what your ideal IECMHC program would look like
- What are some examples of successful supports that you have seen for adults working with a child in need?

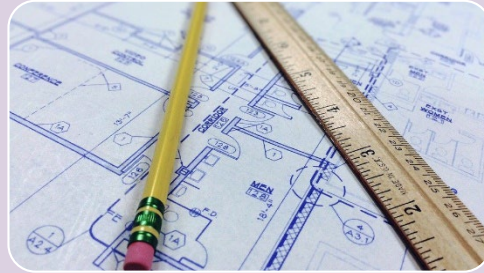


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Other Suggestions



Distribute
funds



Pilot
project



Hire two
consultants



IECMHC PD
Pathway



Thank you!

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