



STATE OF WASHINGTON

August 26, 2019

Dear Early Intervention Providers,

As most of you are aware, the anticipated shift of funding for Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) is delayed for one year. This delay is due to prerequisite legislative action related to state apportionment of B-2 funding. The funding shift will require more changes than anticipated to the special education portion of the [Revised Code of Washington \(RCW\) 28A.155](#) as well as additions to the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) RCW.

A [proviso](#) was included in the state budget and describes next steps and caps on administrative withholding. For more information, please refer to the [Delayed Funding Shift Q&A](#). In order to meet ESIT's goal of maximizing available resources for early intervention, DCYF will continue to engage in conversations with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and other partners about current and future special education (B-21) state appropriations.

If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Laurie Thomas, ESIT Administrator, by phone at 360-725-3516 or by email at laurie.thomas@dcyf.wa.gov or contact Glenna Gallo, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education Services, by phone at 360-725-6075 or by email at glenna.gallo@k12.wa.us.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Laurie Thomas in cursive.

Laurie Thomas
ESIT Administrator
Department of Children, Youth &
Families

Handwritten signature of Glenna Gallo in cursive.

Glenna Gallo
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Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction