

From Early Learning Needs Assessment to Implementation: Supporting Washington’s Underserved Children and Families

Washington’s [PDG B-5 Projects](#) were funded to address some of the following needs and gaps identified in the Statewide [Early Learning Needs Assessment](#):

PDG B-5 Projects	Who PDG Serves?	What We Know About Washington’s Children, Families, and Providers
<p>CWELN Early learning referrals made to families involved with the child welfare system in pilot regions.</p>	<p>From the 2019 pilot to July 2021, CWELN made 6,020 early learning referrals to families involved with the child welfare system.</p>	<p>Nearly 50,000 children in Washington State ages birth through 8 years have been involved with the child welfare system.</p>
<p>Early Connections Play & Learn Early learning specialists provide educational groups and referrals for families in coordination with DSHS community service offices.</p>	<p>From July 2020 to June 2021, more than 760 children served by ECPL in five rural locations across Eastern and Central Washington.</p>	<p>More than 35,000 children aged 9 years or younger live in rural communities.</p>
<p>Early ECEAP & Mobility Mentoring Comprehensive early learning model which supports children birth to 3 years, focused on child development and resilient parenting.</p>	<p>In 2021, Early ECEAP had 178 slots for families at or below 110% of the federal poverty level.</p>	<p>More than one-third of all children 8 years and younger live in households with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.</p>
<p>Early Learning Transitions Cross-organizational approaches for effective early learning/K-12 transitions.</p>	<p>EL Transitions collaborated with 12 Tribal Nations and Tribal-affiliated groups in 2021.</p>	<p>At least 22,000 children age birth through 9 years live in tribal communities.</p>
<p>ECLIPSE A trauma-informed, center-based intervention and prevention service for families with children who have experienced substantial trauma.</p>	<p>A 2018 study estimates there are more than 3,500 children eligible for ECLIPSE.</p>	<p>12% of children in Washington State who are 5 years or younger have special health care needs.</p>



<p>HMG Connecting families with young children to support services through a statewide resource and referral linkage system.</p>	<p>From July 2020-2021, HMG provided more than 35,000 referrals, 13% of which were for developmental supports</p>	<p>Currently only 27.7% of Washington’s children receive developmental screening, compared with a national average of 31.1%.</p>
<p>IECMH-C Partnerships between qualified mental health consultants and child care providers to enhance providers’ capacity to support children’s social-emotional development and reduce child care expulsions, particularly for Black boys.</p>	<p>In a 2020 IECMH-C landscape study, less than 13% of consultants were people of color.</p>	<p>More than half of children 8 years of age or younger are children of color. Approximately 30% of early learning teachers are people of color.</p>
<p>Inclusion & Trauma Informed Care Trauma-Informed Care and The Pyramid Model Coaching and training to support early learning providers in responding to children’s complex needs.</p>	<p>In 2021, there were more than 260 Pyramid Model training touchpoints.</p>	<p>In 2018, there were more than 38,000 early childhood providers.</p>
<p>Shared Services A collaborative, responsive, and equity-minded shared resources hub led by providers that serves child care providers in Spanish, Somali, and English.</p>	<p>In 2022, the Shared Services Hub will provide resources and multilingual technical assistance to more than 1,200 child care providers statewide.</p>	<p>One-third of children in Washington who are 5 years or younger live in households where English is not the primary language. Washington’s settings-based early childhood providers speak more than 20 languages.</p>
<p>WCFC An early childhood network connecting local and statewide efforts to improve the well-being of children, families, and communities.</p>	<p>In 2021, regional leaders directed 45 meetings per month and met with more than 1,500 people statewide.</p>	<p>Washington State is home to more than 535,000 children between the ages of birth and 5 years.</p>
<p>Data source: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Office of Innovation, Alignment, and Accountability, Preschool Development Grant B-5 Evaluation, May 2022.</p>		