# **2024**Legislative Agenda



Washington Communities for Children is a network of coalitions, organizations, and individuals with the shared goal of improving child and family wellbeing. Ten regions across Washington partner with over 1,000 organizations to make up the network prioritizing Child Care Providers, Family Voice, Resource Navigation and Access, and Health Provider Voice through policy and advocacy (see back page for more information).

Our legislative priorities were informed by network members across the ten <u>WCFC Regions</u>. These priorities align with our <u>Statewide Learning Networks</u> and the Washington State <u>Early Learning Coordination Plan</u> (ELCP).

During the 2024 Washington State legislative session, WCFC will focus on the following priorities:

- Support and uplift Child Care and Early Learning Providers in child care deserts.
  - This priority area aligns with the Child Care Voice and Resource Navigation and Access Learning Networks, and ELCP Outcome Areas 1, 2, 4, and 5
- Strengthen the child care workforce by increasing compensation, support, and quality of life.
  - This priority area aligns with the Child Care Voice, Policy and Advocacy, and Equity Learning Networks, and ELCP Outcome Areas 1, 2, and 4
- Increase coordination between health and early childhood systems to equitably serve families in underserved communities.
  - This priority area aligns with the Health Provider Voice, Family Voice, Equity, and Child Care Voice Learning Networks, and ELCP Outcome Area 1, 2, and 5

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#### Who We Are

Washington Communities for Children (WCFC) is a network of early childhood coalitions, organizations, and individuals across Washington state, advocating for the shared goal of improving child and family wellbeing.



### Catalyzing Connection, Learning, and Action

Comprised of ten regions and organized into various Statewide Learning Networks, WCFC strives to build relationships across the private, public, and nonprofit sectors with the purpose of identifying challenges and subsequent solutions within the early learning system.



Strengthening the systems that impact the wellbeing of children, families, and communities.

# **Washington's Early Learning Coordination Plan**

The ELCP is a comprehensive, outcome-driven plan designed to guide our early learning system towards the goals that matter most to our children, families, and the professionals who support them.

