

# Get to Know the Fair Start for Kids Act

The Fair Start for Kids Act may help your center!



**A New Kind of Legislation** - Washington's Fair Start for Kids Act is an investment in children and child care providers that is unlike any we have seen before. This act is intended to assist families with young children by making child care more accessible and affordable.

**New Benefits and Eligibility** - Changes to eligibility means that more providers now qualify for benefits. **If you didn't qualify for benefits before, you may qualify now!** Child care providers can find out if they are eligible for these new benefits by visiting [dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-affairs/fair-start-for-kids-act](https://dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-affairs/fair-start-for-kids-act).

## Ways the Act Helps -

- Expands eligibility for Working Connections Child Care (WCCC).
- Expands eligibility for enrollment and increases rates for the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).
- Strengthens child care programs by expanding access to support services, mental health consultations, dual language supports, complex needs funding, and more.
- Grows recruitment and retention for child care businesses by increasing subsidy rates, expanding access to health insurance for providers, and providing resources for professional development and scholarships.



A complete list of the benefits and programs impacted by the act can be found here: [dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-affairs/fair-start-for-kids-act](https://dcyf.wa.gov/about/government-affairs/fair-start-for-kids-act).