

Department of Early Learning

RCW 43.215

Request	\$377,065,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$248,196,632	Decrease
Percent change from current biennium	39.7%	Decrease

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) focuses on investments and opportunities to ensure children in Washington enter kindergarten ready to succeed. DEL works to ensure safe, healthy, high-quality programs and services for young children. It oversees Early Achievers—our state’s quality rating and improvement system for early learning programs—as well as Washington’s state-funded preschool program for children from low-income families; child care licensing; Early Support for Infants and Toddlers; home visiting services; licensing subsidy policy; parent support initiatives; and other efforts to coordinate and integrate child care and early learning programs. DEL works closely with public and private partners to support healthy development of children, starting at birth; and partners with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills for incoming kindergarteners and with many entities to share information and resources for families about positive parenting and child development.

The Governor proposes combining the Department of Early Learning and the Department of Social and Health Services Children’s Administration program into the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Services effective July 1, 2018.

Agency Mission

The Department of Early Learning offers voluntary, comprehensive, high-quality early learning programs and services to families and early learning professionals.

Agency Level Summary

Operating Budget: Summary

2015-17 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Estimated	2017-19 Proposed
193,395,000	519,356	General Fund - Basic Account - State	80,650,197	192,875,644	146,485,000
299,956,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal	285,629,306	299,956,000	159,550,000
		General Fund - Basic Account - Private/Local	50,000		
		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Stimulus	172,784		
28,250,000		Education Legacy Trust Account - State		28,250,000	14,094,000
		Childrens' Trust Account - State	89,103		
4,868,000	1,428,000	Home Visiting Services Account - State	2,309,109	3,440,000	3,135,000
25,250,000	5,354,801	Home Visiting Services Account - Federal	18,646,826	19,895,199	11,771,000
80,000,000		WA Opportunity Pathways Account - State	80,000,000	80,000,000	40,000,000
<u>631,719,000</u>	<u>7,302,157</u>	Total Appropriated Funds	<u>467,547,325</u>	<u>624,416,843</u>	<u>375,035,000</u>
		Non-Appropriated Funds			
		Childrens' Trust Account - Non-Appropriated	46,170	405,000	156,000
		Indivi-Based/Portable Background Ch - Non-Appropriated	579,559	439,789	1,874,000
		Total Non-Appropriated Funds	<u>625,729</u>	<u>844,789</u>	<u>2,030,000</u>

Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2013-15 Actual		2015-17 Estimated		2017-19 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	67,236,227	16.8%	157,088,578	33.6%	(248,196,632)	(39.7)%

Employment Summary

	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Estimated	2016-17 Estimated	2017-18 Proposed	2018-19 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	254.8	271.4	315.1	296.6	0.0

Agency Local Funds

Miscellaneous Program Account

Statement of Local Fund Balances

	7/1/15	6/30/17	2017-19	2017-19	6/30/19
	Fund Balance	Estimated Fund Balance	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Expenditures	Estimated Fund Balance
Non-Budgeted Funds					
Miscellaneous Program Account	961,306	352,940	0	352,940	0