



# 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Child Care for WA is a campaign to ensure that families have access to high-quality affordable care that meets their needs and early educators are fairly compensated for the essential work they do with living wages and benefits. In the 2025 legislative session, we call on Washington lawmakers to:

- Maintain the promise of the Fair Start for Kids Act – *Operating Budget*
  - Increase eligibility for Washington’s child care subsidy program (WCCC) to 75% of state median income.
  - Increase WCCC provider rates to the 85th percentile of the most recent market rate survey.
  - Honor the commitment to ECEAP expansion by increasing the slot rate for ECEAP by 29% for school day/full day models, 11% for part day models, and adding 2600 new slots. Respond to current needs in the field by delaying full implementation of the entitlement (currently set for 2026).
- Ensure that WCCC rates reflect the true cost to provide high quality care, including living wages and benefits for early educators by establishing in law that the state must use the Cost of Quality Care Rate model to set subsidy rates - *Legislation*
- Increase capacity for child care by providing additional funding to the Early Learning Facilities Fund – *Capital Budget*

Read our long-term policy platform at [bit.ly/our-policy-platform](https://bit.ly/our-policy-platform) to learn how our 2025 priorities build toward solving the child care crisis once and for all.



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