

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Updates

April is the Month of the Military Child!

Each April, the Month of the Military Child provides a chance for us to recognize and thank the children of our service members and veterans. These incredible children encounter both challenges and victories throughout their journey. While each military child's path is unique, they are all united by a shared global experience. Visit the [Military Child Education Coalition \(MCEC\) website](#) for a Month of the Military Child toolkit and other resources to celebrate military-connected children.

Blending and Braiding Funds for District PK/TK Programs

April 23, 2025 | 1–3 pm | Virtual

This webinar, hosted by OSPI's Early Learning team and a variety of program representatives, will provide information and clarity on funding opportunities for both preschool and Transition to Kindergarten programs. This opportunity will provide districts with a comprehensive overview of the variety of state and federal funding available for early learning programs. The presentation will also include reporting, compliance, and apportionment information from our fiscal and SAFS departments. After a brief presentation from each program, districts will be provided with ample time to ask questions during a Q&A.

Clock hours will be provided after the webinar. To attend, [register on pdEnroller](#).

Conferences and Professional Development Opportunities

Infant and Early Childhood Conference

May 5–9, 2025 | Zoom

We hope that you will join us for the 2025 Infant and Early Childhood Conference (IECC), May 5–9, 2025, hosted completely virtual via Zoom. Some of the goals for this year's conference are:

- Challenge thinking about diversity and disability;
- Increase family and provider effectiveness through new skills, strategies, and ideas for providing high quality services;
- Enhance understanding of the unique strengths and needs of each family;
- Foster partnerships across families, disciplines, agencies, and funders to provide coordinated services in local communities;
- Promote networking and coalition building around early childhood issues;
- Enhance the lives of families and their children through the use of information and technology; and



- Promote the mutual understanding of the contributions families and providers bring to the lives of young children.

All sessions will be held virtually online via Zoom. There will not be any face-to-face (in person) sessions. Registration is free but donations are welcome. To register, visit the Infant and Early Childhood Conference [website](#).

International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute

May 13–15, 2025 | Chapel Hill, NC & Zoom

The International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute is one of the world's premier educational opportunities for anyone involved in the care and education of young children with disabilities (birth to age 8) in inclusive settings. The Institute has drawn people from across the nation and around the world to Chapel Hill to:

- strengthen current and develop new collaborative relationships and cross-agency systems that support early childhood inclusion of young children with disabilities;
- discover evidence-based practices, resources, and tools for promoting opportunities for including children with disabilities; and
- meet, learn from, and problem-solve with peers.

We welcome early childhood and early childhood special education (EC/ECSE) professionals, families, individuals with disabilities, EC/ECSE higher education faculty, professional development and technical assistance providers, local, state, or national administrators and leaders, as well as EC and ECSE students. Whether you are a family of a child with disabilities, a newcomer in the field of early childhood/early childhood special education or a seasoned professional, you'll be able to find topics that matter the most to you in serving children with disabilities and families in inclusive environments from over 50 sessions. We hope that the Inclusion Institute will leave you feeling informed, energized, and supported.

There are two options for attending the conference: In person in Chapel Hill, NC or on Zoom. To register, visit the International Early Childhood Inclusion Institute's [website](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Northwest Early Learning and Pyramid Summit 2025

The Northwest Early Learning and Pyramid Summit will be held on November 17–20, 2025 in Boise, ID. Stay tuned for more information!