Preparing Children for Kindergarten

In our Early Head Start, Head Start, and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) programs, our main focus is getting enrolled children and families school ready. School readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children’s learning, and schools are ready for children. For children to have academic success in future schooling, they must first have a strong foundation in all four areas of Developmentally Appropriate Practices (DAP), which are cognitive, social-emotional, language/literacy, and physical development.

Our programs ensure the implementation of DAP by following research based curriculums, having high quality teaching practices and partnering with families. Through our screenings and assessments of enrolled children, we develop individual learning plans for each child, make necessary adjustments to classrooms based on group needs, and make program wide improvement plans.

Our programs use the following research based curriculums: Creative Curriculum, Partners for Healthy Baby, and Second Step.

Average Gains in School Readiness Goal Areas

ECS Locations & Enrollment

OlyCAP’s Early Childhood Services support six centers across the Olympic Peninsula with Early Head Start (EHS) for expectant mothers and children from birth to 3, Head Start (HS) and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) for children from 3 to 5.

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228 W First St
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Phone: (360)452-4726
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Early Head Start

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ECEAP

To see if you or someone you know qualifies for Head Start, Early Head Start, or ECEAP services, call:

360-452-4726

Olympic Community Action Programs does not discriminate in its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability.
Healthy children are ready to learn

With help from Early Childhood Services, by the end of the program year:

- **213** children had health insurance (87%)
- **212** children were up-to-date on preventative health care (87%)
  - Of these, **30** children were diagnosed with a medical condition. Of the children diagnosed, **100%** received medical treatment
- **219** children were up-to-date on immunizations (89%)
- **185** children were up-to-date on preventative dental care (76%)
  - Of these, **16** children needed dental treatment. Of the children needing treatment, **75%** received dental treatment

Families and Children Served

During the 2017-2018 year, our program served **245** children (81% of eligible children) and **210** families in Clallam and Jefferson counties.

59 eligible children (19%) were waitlisted at the end of the program year.

Number of Children and Families Served

Enrollment by Age

Average monthly enrollment

- Early Head Start Average Monthly Enrollment (July 2017 - June 2018) = 93%
- Head Start Average Monthly Enrollment (September 2017 - May 2018) = 99%
- ECEAP Average Monthly Enrollment (September 2017 - June 2018) = 98%

During the 2017-2018 program year, 87% of children served had health insurance and 89% were up to date on immunizations.
Parent Engagement Activities

- From the first interactions with families, families are encouraged to participate in the program any way they can. This can be through volunteering in the classroom, going on field trips, supporting health screenings or giving their input and ideas to make the program successful.

- Parents are invited to attend “Family Night”, where they build relationships with staff and other parents, enjoy a meal, look at ways to improve the program and learn of new community resources.

- Parents are invited to participate in the program’s Self-Assessment, Health Advisory and School Readiness/Parent Family Community Engagement Committees.

- Parents are members on the Early Childhood Services Policy Council, the OlyCAP Board and advocate for low income families through their membership in the Washington State Association of Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).

Top 5 Issues Impacting Enrolled Families in 2017-2018

Community Services Families Received:

- 66 families received emergency services/crisis intervention
- 95 families received housing assistance
- 145 families received health education
- 40 families received job training
- 28 families received mental health services
- 141 individuals volunteered in our Early Head Start/Head Start/ECEAP programs
**Monitoring Review**

OlyCAP Early Childhood Services division participated in a comprehensive ECEAP Program Monitoring in February of 2018. At time of this publication the results of the monitoring have not been received.

**Fiscal Audit & Community Needs Assessment**

OlyCAP’s most recent fiscal audit and community needs assessment are available online at [www.olycap.org](http://www.olycap.org).

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2017-2018 Early Childhood Services Parent Policy Council Members

- Rachel Anderson
- Cassandra Bailey
- Tessa Crane
- Christine Fouts
- Jessica Furnish
- Shelli Gracey
- Derek Greul
- Kief Kendrick
- Kylee Ketterling
- Amanda Lester
- Kelsey McDaniel
- Marta Morelos
- Beth Sorensen
- Robert White

2018 Olympic Community Action Programs Governing Board

- Cassandra Bailey
- Cammy Brown
- Jerrin Fiorini
- Robert Gray
- Bill James
- Lilly Kaide
- Mark Ozias
- Maj-Britt Peacock
- Judy Selleck
- David Sullivan
- Terry Weed