

WAC 170-12-010

170-12-010. Purpose and authority.

(1) The purpose of this chapter is to outline the conditions and procedures under which state funds will be made available for Head Start programs.

(2) This activity is undertaken pursuant to RCW 43.06.110 and chapter 43.330 RCW.

WAC 170-12-020

170-12-020. Definitions.

(1) 'Applicant' means a public or private nonsectarian organization which receives federal Head Start funds.

(2) 'Contractor' means an applicant which has been allocated state Head Start funds under the Head Start state match program.

(3) 'Department' means the department of community, trade and economic development.

(4) 'Director' means the director of the department of community, trade and economic development.

(5) 'Head Start program' means an operation undertaken in accordance with the program performance standards set forth in the federal Head Start Act as amended and relevant federal regulations.

WAC 170-12-041

170-12-041. Financial support application process.

(1) Each potential applicant will be notified by the department that application for Head Start state match financial assistance is to be made to the department.

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(2) An applicant must make formal application in the form and manner specified by the department. Failure of an applicant to make application in the specified time will result in no Head Start state match funds being allocated.

(3) Applications for Head Start state match financial assistance shall contain a description of the services to be provided with Head Start state match funds.

(4) The department shall provide a contract for signature to the applicant or a request for additional information.

WAC 170-12-051

170-12-051. Eligibility criteria.

In order to receive Head Start state match funds, a contractor must currently be receiving federal funds to operate a Head Start program. Head Start state match funds may be used only for activities which result in direct and measurable services to Head Start program children. The department shall determine the formula for distribution of state funds based on federal enrollment levels at the time of funding.

WAC 170-12-071

170-12-071. Method of payment and reporting requirements.

(1) Head Start state match funds will be paid in accordance with the provisions of the applicable contract and these regulations.

(2) Reports to the department to assure that funds are being expended for purposes authorized in the approved contract are required in a format approved by the department.

(3) The contractor shall submit annually a current report of the audit of funds conducted by an independent auditor or office of state auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Such audit may be that conducted for and provided to other funding sources. The audit report must identify state funds by contract number. Responses to any unresolved management findings and disallowed or questioned costs shall be included with the audit report.

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Ch. 170-15 DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

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170-15-0001. Introduction. (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0001, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0001, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0001.

170-15-0003. What is the purpose of the seasonal child care program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0003, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0003, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0003.

170-15-0005. Am I eligible for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0005, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0005, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0005.

170-15-0010. How is my family size defined for SCC program eligibility purposes? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0010, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0010, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0010.

170-15-0015. Are there special circumstances when I might be eligible for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0015, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0015, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0015.

170-15-0020. What activities must I be involved in to be eligible for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0020, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0020, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0020.

170-15-0025. What additional criteria does my family need to meet to be eligible for SCC program subsidies? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0025, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0025, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0025.

170-15-0030. When might my ongoing eligibility for SCC subsidies stop, and when might I be eligible again? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0030, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0030, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0030.

170-15-0035. What income is counted when determining eligibility and copayment for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0035, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and

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chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0035, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0035.

170-15-0040. How is my family's average monthly income calculated for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0040, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0040, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0040.

170-15-0045. What is not counted, or is deducted, when figuring income eligibility for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0045, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0045, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0045.

170-15-0050. How is my family's income eligibility and copayment amount determined for the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0050, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0050, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0050.

170-15-0055. When might my SCC program copayment change? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0055, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0055, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0055.

170-15-0060. What rights do I have when I apply for or receive SCC program subsidies? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0060, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0060, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0060.

170-15-0065. What responsibilities do I have when I apply for or receive SCC program subsidies? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0065, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0065, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0065.

170-15-0070. Who are the SCC program staff and what responsibilities do they have? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0070, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0070, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0070.

170-15-0075. Do I have the right to ask for a hearing regarding SCC program subsidy payments, and how do I request one? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0075, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0075, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.)

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170-15-0080. Can I use SCC programs subsidies while waiting for the outcome of a hearing, and when might it need to be repaid? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0080, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0080, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0080.

170-15-0085. What child care providers can I choose under the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0085, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0085, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0085.

170-15-0090. When are the DSHS child care subsidy rates, used by the SCC program in this chapter, effective? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0090, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0090, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0090.

170-15-0095. What DSHS child care subsidy rate does the SCC program use when my child is five years old? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0095, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0095, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0095.

170-15-0100. What services can be authorized for the SCC program, and at what rates? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0100, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0100, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0100.

170-15-0102. When can my child care provider charge me more than the amount authorized by the SCC program? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0102, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0102, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0102.

170-15-0105. When can additional SCC program subsidy payments be authorized? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0105, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0105, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0105.

170-15-0110. What additional SCC program subsidy payments can be authorized? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0110, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0110, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0110.

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170-15-0115. If I am determined eligible for the SCC program, when does my child care subsidy begin? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0115, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0115, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0115.

170-15-0120. Can I be authorized for the SCC program before I start a job? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0120, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0120, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0120.

170-15-0125. I am preauthorized for the SCC program, when do my SCC program child care subsidies begin? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0125, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0125, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0125.

170-15-0130. If I am reauthorized for the SCC program, when do my SCC program subsidies begin? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0130, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0130, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0130.

170-15-0135. When are my eligibility and copayment information for the SCC program looked at? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0135, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0135, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0135.

170-15-0140. How are my SCC program subsidies reauthorized and when may they continue? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0140, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0140, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0140.

170-15-0145. When might I receive advance and adequate notice of change in my SCC program subsidies? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0145, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0145, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0145.

170-15-0150. When won't I receive advance and adequate notice of changes in my SCC program subsidies? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0150, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0150, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0150.

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170-15-0155. What is an overpayment and when might I receive one? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0155, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0155, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0155.

170-15-0160. When might a child care provider receive an overpayment? (WSR 06-15-075, recodified as S 170-15-0160, filed 7/13/06, effective 7/13/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.12.340 and chapter 74.15 RCW. WSR 03-14-109, S 388-292-0160, filed 6/30/03, effective 8/1/03.) Decodified by WSR 06-16-130, filed 8/1/06, effective 8/1/06. Recodified as S 170-292-0160.

WAC 170-100-010

170-100-010. Authority.

These rules are adopted under the authority of chapter 28A.215 RCW.

WAC 170-100-020

170-100-020. Purpose.

The early childhood education and assistance program (ECEAP) provides preschool education, family support, and health and nutrition services to low-income three- and four-year-old children to promote school success.

WAC 170-100-030

170-100-030. Definitions.

(1) ‘Contractor’ means a nonsectarian public or private organization that contracts with the department of early learning to provide local early childhood education and assistance services.

(2) ‘Department’ means the department of early learning.

(3) ‘Director’ means the director of the department of early learning.

WAC 170-100-040

170-100-040. Process for allocating or awarding funds.

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- (1) Public or private nonsectarian organizations are eligible to apply for funding as early childhood education and assistance programs.
- (2) Funds shall be awarded on a competitive basis or allocated by the department, consistent with the amount allocated by the legislature.
- (3) An applicant must use the application procedures established by the department.
- (4) Successful applicants will be awarded a contract with the department. This contract must be signed by an official with authority to bind the recipient.

WAC 170-100-050

170-100-050. Use of funds.

- (1) Contracting agencies must provide comprehensive early education and family support services free of charge to enrolled families.
- (2) Early childhood education and assistance program funds must be used as dollars of last resort for medical, dental, nutrition, and mental health services.
- (3) Administrative costs funded under this program are limited to fifteen percent of the total award.

WAC 170-100-060

170-100-060. Comprehensive service delivery.

- (1) Contractors must conduct a community assessment, and must plan and deliver the following comprehensive services to enrolled children:
 - (a) Early childhood education;

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(b) Family support;

(c) Parent involvement including options for participation in their child's classroom, program policy decisions, service delivery system development, and parent education and training; and

(d) Health screening, information, and referral, including medical, dental, nutrition, and mental health.

(2) Contractors must comply with the early childhood education and assistance program contract, performance standards, and policy memos in the delivery of all services.

(3) Contractors may request exceptions to rules, performance standards, or policies. Contractors must receive written approval from the department before implementing exceptions.

WAC 170-100-070

170-100-070. Nondiscrimination.

Contractors must not deny service to, or discriminate against, any person who meets the eligibility criteria for the early childhood education and assistance program on the basis of gender, race, color, religion, age, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, physical or mental disability, family configuration, sexual orientation, culture, or public assistance recipient status.

WAC 170-100-080

170-100-080. Eligibility for services.

(1) Contractors must write and follow a recruitment procedure, including active recruitment of age-eligible homeless children, children in the foster care system, and children with disabilities.

(2) Children are eligible for ECEAP if they are at least three years old, but not yet five years old, by August 31st of the school year and one of the following:

(a) Returning to the same ECEAP contractor from the previous school year.

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(b) Qualified by their school district for special education services under RCW 28A.155.020. All children on a school district individualized education program (IEP) meet this requirement.

(c) From a family with income at or below one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

(d) From a family that is not income-eligible but is impacted by either:

(i) Developmental risk factors, such as developmental delay or disability, but not on an IEP.

(ii) Environmental risk factors that could affect school success such as domestic violence, chemical dependency, homelessness, parental incarceration, or child protective services involvement.

Each contractor's maximum percentage of over-income children is in their ECEAP client services contract.

(3) Children cannot be simultaneously enrolled in Head Start and ECEAP. Children served by school district special education may be simultaneously enrolled in ECEAP.

(4) Contractors must write and follow a procedure for prioritizing enrollment of the eligible children who are most in need of ECEAP services. From the pool of eligible children, contractors must prioritize children who are:

(a) Four years old by August 31st of the school year.

(b) From families with the lowest incomes.

(c) Homeless, as defined by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

(d) In the foster care system.

(e) From families with multiple needs.

(5) Contractors may determine additional prioritization categories to best meet the needs of their community, such

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as:

- (a) English language learners.
- (b) Refugee status.
- (c) Transferring from other ECEAP or Head Start sites.

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170-100-090. Staff qualifications.

(1) Contractors must provide adequate staff to comply with all ECEAP performance standards. Contractors must have written policies and procedures for recruitment and selection of staff, including procedures for advertising all position openings to the public.

(2) All persons serving in the role of lead teacher must meet one of the following qualifications:

- (a) An associate or higher degree with the equivalent of thirty college quarter credits of early childhood education. These thirty credits may be included in the degree or in addition to the degree; or
- (b) A valid Washington state teaching certificate with an endorsement in early childhood education (pre-K - grade 3) or early childhood special education.

(3) All persons serving in the role of assistant teacher must meet one of the following qualifications:

- (a) Employment as an early childhood education and assistance program assistant teacher in the same agency before July 1, 1999;
- (b) The equivalent of twelve college quarter credits in early childhood education; or
- (c) A Child Development Associate (CDA) credential awarded by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

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(4) All persons serving in the role of family support specialist must meet one of the following qualifications:

(a) Employment as an early childhood education and assistance program family service worker in the same agency before July 1, 1999; or

(b) An associate's or higher degree with the equivalent of thirty college quarter credits of adult education, human development, human services, family support, social work, early childhood education, child development, psychology, or another field directly related to their job responsibilities. These thirty credits may be included in the degree or in addition to the degree.

(5) All persons serving in the role of family support aide or health aide must meet one of the following qualifications:

(a) Employment as an early childhood education and assistance program family support aide or health aide in the same agency before July 1, 1999; or

(b) The equivalent of twelve college quarter credits in family support, public health, health education, nursing, or another field directly related to their job responsibilities.

(6) The early childhood education and assistance program health professional must meet one of the following qualifications:

(a) Licensed in Washington state as a registered nurse; or

(b) A bachelor's or higher degree in public health, nursing, health education, or related field.

(7) The early childhood education and assistance program dietitian must meet all of the following qualifications:

(a) A bachelor's or higher degree in nutrition science, public health nutrition, dietetics, or other related field; and

(b) Registered dietitian with the American Dietetic Association or certified as a dietitian under chapter 18.138

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(8) The early childhood education and assistance program mental health professional must meet one of the following qualifications:

(a) Licensed by the Washington state department of health as a mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or psychiatric nurse; or

(b) Credentialed by the Washington state office of the superintendent of public instruction as a school counselor, social worker, or psychologist.

(9) Contractors may provisionally hire lead teachers, assistant teachers, family service workers, family service aides, or health aides who do not fully meet the qualifications for the position if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) Contractors have attempted to recruit and hire fully qualified staff and are unable to because of a documented labor pool shortage;

(b) Contractors are able to recruit a person competent to fulfill the role and implement all related performance standards; and

(c) Contractors write a professional development plan describing how the provisional hire will obtain full qualifications within five years of appointment.

(10) Equivalent degrees and certificates from other states and countries are accepted for ECEAP staff qualifications.