



Ridgefield Early Learning Center

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Early Childhood Inclusion

“Embodies the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every young child and their family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society”

-NAEYC

2019-2020

inclusive

DCYF licensed

tuition-based

exceptional needs

state subsidy

2020-2021

inclusive

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2021-2022

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ECEAP

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Programs

Tuition-based: families pay a below-market rate for preschool including workday care

Exceptional needs: students receive specially designed instructional services within the preschool setting; primarily in-classroom whenever possible

ECEAP: students identified as at-risk, receive preschool within the preschool setting

Developing the Whole Child

Developmental Screening

- ASQ-3
- MTS benchmarks
- Family Advocacy

Curriculum

- Creative Curriculum
- Second Step SEL
- We Thinkers! SEL
- Heggerty PA



Specialists

- Case Managers
- Speech Language Pathologist
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- BCBA
- School Psychologist

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Funding Sources

Local Levy dollars

Cowlitz Tribe

Chamber of Commerce Early Learning Facilities Grant

Department of Children, Youth & Families Grant

Early Achievers Needs-Based Grant

Preschool Inclusion Champions Grant, Phase I & II

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Looking Ahead...

Partnering with OSPI, DCYF, and Governor Inslee is critical to finding long-term solutions toward the statewide crisis around lack of access to high quality early childhood education/preschool.

Washington public school districts need to have state-mandated variance and waivers around the licensing protocols from DCYF in order to effectively fill this current gap in access to early childhood education/preschool programs.

Pursuing Premier



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