



In partnership with the Healthy Children's Fund, Whatcom Center for Early Learning (WCEL) is piloting the Inclusive Childcare Project to support rural childcare programs outside of Bellingham.

This program offers training, mentorship, and materials to promote inclusive learning for children from birth to age five with developmental delays, disabilities, or behavioral needs.

By empowering caregivers during this critical stage—when 90% of brain development occurs—WCEL aims to foster long-term academic and social success.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Childcare programs may receive up to \$2000 in funds to promote inclusiveness in the classroom. This can include upgrades to classroom furniture, new materials, or supplies!
- Childcare teachers can receive one on one mentoring and hands on training in an area around a challenge or interest
- Childcare teachers will receive STARS credits, completely funded by this program
- Meet an early childhood specialist! WCEL staff are readily available to support classroom staff; This includes Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and Specialized Instructors



- To connect further or ask questions about the program, please reach out to ICP@wcel.net
- To learn more about WCEL mission and services, scan QR code

